

**Board of Youth Services
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2015
7:00pm
Whittemore Robbins House**

Present: Linda Suzuki, Lauren Boyle, Lynn Horgan, Joan Axelrod-Lehrich, Carlene Newell, Hannah Simon, Justine Bloch, Roblyn Brigham, Mary DeCoursey

Directors Report:

- Colleen had a beautiful baby girl, Sylvie. She will return in the new year.
- AYCC was able to hire a 30 hour town position for domestic violence/case management services. Heather Hernandez, a former clinician with AYCC, was hired.
- Several staff are moving on so AYCC is hiring additional clinicians.
- Large increase in co-pays collected this year and income from insurance has increased by approximately \$85,000.
- Cathy Carey is the psychiatric nurse who is seeing patients at AYCC. She is doing an excellent job.
- Roblyn Brigham will help assist Linda with the AYCC Newsletter.
- Each Board member will email content material to Roblyn for the newsletter.

Gala:

- 3 people to sit at the main walk in table (Roblyn, Vicky, Justine)
- Jazz Band will be playing throughout the night.
- Randy will MC again, Joan and Linda will speak re: AYCC and Cindy Freedman and Ken Donnelly will speak on mental health issues. (Total of 20 minutes speaking.)
- Patsy will be donating and designing the flowers. Whole foods is donating a portion of the food.
- Donations are being finalized. Board will donate a lottery tree.
- Joan Robbio will also be honored at the Gala.

Thanksgiving

- Foodlink, Food Pantry, Arlington Eats, Food for Free, St Vincents DePaul will all be coordinating.

Parent Forums:

- The Opioid Crisis Oct 12th – Town Hall
- Complicating Gender: October 19th presented by Greater Boston PFLAG, Ottoson
- Dr Nora Shine will talk about strategies to prevent sexual abuse of children. Ottoson: Oct 27th

Adjourn