

## Wethersfield Youth Advisory Board

Town Hall ~ 505 Silas Deane Highway ~ Wethersfield, CT 06109

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**Meeting held: June 2, 2010**

NAME	EMAIL	MEMBER/ LIAISON	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED ABSENCE
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Joe Bruno				X	
Patricia Tiberio			X		
Charles Casey					

**The meeting began at 7:20 PM**

### **Election of New Officers-**

- It was decided that new officers would be elected at the next meeting, September, 2010.

### **DSYS Update- Nancy Stilwell**

- The Youth Services department is represented on the Early Childhood Council that now has a Graustein grant to develop a birth to 8 plan for all children in Wethersfield. There will be a two year planning process using RBA (Results Based Accountability) to develop goals and measures to assess progress.
- The Department will shift its focus to deal more with younger children and their families providing parent education and prevention
- The Department of Social and Youth Services staff feels that Volunteer Recognition Night has lost focus because seniors won't come in the evening and it is difficult to provide appropriate programming for both youth and seniors. The events will be separated next year as they used to be.

### **New Business:**

- Olivia shared some thoughts about her ideas to move ahead:
  - 1) Consider a Wethersfield's Got Talent event to bring people in the community Together and serve as a major fund raiser for the YAB
  - 2) Continue to partner with the Keane Foundation and Mikey's Place for other Events that could provide funds and community activities

3) Consider a Job Fair for teens

**One Book- One School Update** – the program is being successfully implemented.

Due to the first Thursday of September falling before Labor Day and the second Thursday coinciding with Yom Kippur, the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2010, 7:00 PM in Conference Room #1, Town Hall.

Thanks to Olivia from the YAB for her service and dedication as Chair. Best wishes as she moves on to Berklee College of Music in the fall.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy A. Stilwell, Ph.D.