

Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families

Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

9:30 a.m.

Hillcrest Center

Members Present: Susan Holt, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Claudia Bill-de la Peña, City of Thousand Oaks
Pat Phelps, Conejo Valley Unified School District
Anista Bakke, Many Mansions
Robin Britt, Community Conscience

Staff Present: Francine Sprigel, City of Thousand Oaks
Rochelle Callis, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Rebecca Stelmar, Conejo Valley Unified School District

Guests: Stephanie Jacobs, Get it Out
Brenda Rachels, Conejo Valley Unified School District

1. Call to Order and Sign-in/Roll Call/Introductions – Chair, Susan Holt called the meeting to order at about 9:30am and introductions were made.
2. Public Comments
None
3. Motion to Approve Minutes – The Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. Motion by Pat, second by Susan, to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Guest Speaker – Stephanie Jacobs, “Get it Out” Program. Jacobs described the “Get it Out” program and its purpose. She said that she and a colleague developed the program that lets teens submit “entries” of their impressions on current topics, such as school safety and gun violence, through various creative means including poetry, photography, videos, etc. They also endeavor to connect these teens with adults who can help them actualize their ideas. She shared materials and noted their website is getitoutstudents.com. Francine said that she, Becca and others have met with “Get it Out” representatives to consider holding a “Get it Out-style” event here in the Conejo Valley. Stephanie was thanked by the committee for her time and information.

5. Old Business:

- A.) CCfYF Draft Agreement – All District Approval: Sprigel provided copies the Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families agreement to Susan, Pat and Claudia for member agencies’ approvals and signatures.
- B.) Guest Speaker Discussion: The committee reviewed Rochelle’s notes regarding a guest speaker schedule and format for speakers. It was noted staff got together to develop a list of potential speakers. Also noted, were the goals for having guest speakers which include: To learn and understand the speaker’s impact on our community, youth and families, and to see if there are opportunities for the committee to connect them with others in the community.
- C.) Youth & Family Providers Summit: Francine said that committee members had expressed a desire for a “Providers Summit” in addition to the annual service providers Meet & Greet. She noted the Meet & Greet hosted service providers who provide information to school district counselors. The “Providers Summit” would allow service providers to meet each other and share information amongst themselves. She also noted that staff came up with a couple of tentative dates in February 2019 and that it could be held at the Hillcrest Center Community Room. Discussion ensued regarding potential providers and format for the summit.

6. Director’s Report/Comments:

Becca shared upcoming events including the Reality Party scheduled for this weekend, with at least two more scheduled next year; and a middle school/ high school parent night April 26 “What Parents Need to Know” regarding tobacco use, at the Horizon Hills.

Pat reported that on March 14, the school “walk-out” date in response to school violence, that students did not walk off campus, they walked out of class for 17 minutes and spent the time discussing advocacy programs. She said she felt that this was a good response to a bad situation, and that she it raised their awareness of what is going on with isolated students and what they can do to get these students more included.

7. Items for Subsequent Agendas

- A.) July Meeting – Youth & Family Provider Summit
- B.) Guest Speakers
- C.) October Meeting – Read to Success by Francine

8. Next Quarterly Meeting: Tuesday, July 10, 2018

9:30am
Hillcrest Center

9. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned by Chair, Susan Holt at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Rochelle Callis