YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Location: Town Hall, large conference room, 4pm

1. Call to Order: A quarterly meeting of the East Granby Juvenile Review Board (JRB) was held on September 16, at the East Granby Town Hall. Chairperson Art Reardon called the meeting to order at 4:04pm. Members present were Alternate Chairperson Justine Ginsberg, Case Manager Bonnie Jones, Youth Service Bureau (YSB) representative Alicia Van Neil, and Board members Joanna Taczanowsky, Ashley Alexander,, Josette Lumbruno, Ofc. Scott Menard, and Sara Kleinman.
2. Public Comment: None
3. Correspondence: None
4. Approval of Minutes: Justine made a motion to approve the June 3, 2025 quarterly meeting minutes, motion was seconded by Ashley, all were in favor and motion passed.
5. Member Business: Request was made to shift quarterly meetings later to accommodate schedules of members, going forward quarterly meetings (12/16, 3/24 ,6/16) will be held at 4:30pm with hearings to follow at 6pm.
6. Update CYSA Procedures Manual, overview and preliminary action plan: The manual is now larger (more difficult to locate online) and after reading it and digesting all that our current Board does in line with recommendations and differences that currently exist, Art/Bonnie/Alicia have information to report to the Board. Art met with Alicia, Bonnie and Justine to map out the process of meeting all the new recommendations. The work we have done thus far to meet or exceed recommendations has brought us a long way, but we will work towards accommodating a few further recommendations over the coming months. Any and all documents previously relating to the JRB will be, in conjunction with the First Selectperson and town attorney, used to formally and legally implement changes. The name of the East Granby JRB will mirror the Trauma Informed-Restorative Diversion Program so the JRB will now be known as the Youth Diversion Team (YTD). The Team is made up of Trauma

Diversion Staff (paid positions) who are responsible for the process and adherence to core principals outlined in the manual, and Volunteers who will help maintain a safe, respectful, balanced environment. Cases will now be known as Restorative Meetings. School incidents that may lead to arrest would be those appropriate for diversion, other non-arrestable behaviors should be dealt with as a matter of discipline and truancy should be referred to Youth Services Bureau (YSB). Youths who have committed a misdemeanor (not involving a firearm) are eligible for diversion and YDTs can consider low-level felonies on a case-by-case basis. All members should be trained in Restorative Justin 101 and 201 (fall classes are currently filled) and paid members should complete a trauma-informed restorative justice in youth diversion 4-day immersive in-person training.
Justine/Bonnie/Alicia/Art are looking into how best to ensure volunteers are utilizing the principals of the trainings until members can enroll in and complete them. It is also recommended that volunteers complete a Department of Children and Families (DCF) and criminal background check, and Art and Ofs. Menard are looking into the logistics of volunteers completing those. Also to be addressed is the process of appointment, in terms of order of application, provisional appointment for a time period to observe restorative meetings and complete trainings, formal appointment, involvement in that formal appointment by Board of Select (BOS), YSB, and Youth Diversion Team Administrator and degree to which Restorative Team is an entity unto itself or if it falls under another entity (BoS or YSB). Bonnie will be familiarizing herself with required paperwork intended to standardize questions/process/interactions with youth and their families. Justine and Alicia are working to find training opportunities as well as exploring the possibility of collaboration with neighboring towns (collaborative meeting next week hosted by Farmington Valley Health District). Ofs. Menard will still be directing parents to refer themselves to the Diversion Team when appropriate. Following YSB meeting with Superintendent Palmieri, Ofc. Menard intends to schedule a meeting to ensure she and the appropriate school administration are aware of what the Diversion Team does, what kinds of students and offenses are appropriate for referral, why the Team can be helpful in instances when school discipline has not produced the desired outcomes and why compliance may be better adhered to through this process compared with school processes. He will also ensure the proper threat assessment models are being utilized and/or how to modify for effectiveness. Going forward, funding will also be needed to achieve the training recommendations and background checks. In the coming months and years the Diversion Team will continue to strive to

adhere as closely as possible to the recommendations while continuing the good-faith effort to provide youth in East Granby a viable path to correcting behavior and restorative justice.

7. Collective Business
    a. MOU between JRB and BOE - MOU is now signed and in place
    b. Hearing Schedule - Members can sign up HERE for quarterly meetings (now beginning at 4:30pm) and Restorative Meetings
8. Public Comment: None
9. Adjournment: Sara made a motion to adjourn at 4:54 and Josette seconded, all were in favor and motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Taczanowsky
Board member