YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY JUVENILE REVIEW BOARD
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

Notes

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Location: Town Hall, large conference room, 4:00pm

1. Call to Order: A quarterly meeting of the East Granby Juvenile Review Board (JRB) was held on September 22, 2026 at the East Granby Town Hall. Chairperson Art Reardon called the meeting to order at 4:10pm. Members present were Nicole Sokolowski, Alisa Ruggiero, Ashley Alexander, Art Reardon, Justine Ginsberg, Josette Lumbruno, Elise Cosker, Josette Lumbruno, Joanna Whitney, Case Manager Bonnie Jones, Youth Service Bureau (YSB) representative Alicia Van Neil, Ofc. Scott Menard
2. Meeting began with taking a moment to acknowledge the wonderful person Becky Hayes was and her contributions to the JRB, she will be missed dearly.
3. Public Comment: none
4. Correspondence: none
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made to approve the 1/27/2026 meeting notes, motion was approved unanimously
6. Collective Business:
    a. CYSA procedures Manuel: member discussion concerning our JRB continuing w/the work we are doing, the direction we are moving, acknowledgement that the Procedures led themselves to bigger towns w/ more ppl/cases/resources. Would be difficult to adhere entirely re: onboarding new members, hearing cases, reviewing, members leaving, need to address value added with additions from Procedures and ability to maintain them.
        i. Member Discussion: Number of Procedures additions JRB would like to make, Bonnie will be utilizing 4 quadrant and responsible youth reporting templates, needed for case management and others thought would be beneficial. Listed questions to begin meeting, emphasis already on victim statement if desired and will continue, emphasis on human & community using 4 quadrant. Acknowledgement that now Scott would not be able to refer w/out arrestable/ticketable offence as basis. Continued need for school to be informed of who to

recommend and do so, Scott can connect w/youth/parents or school to guide situation w/family where officer not refer, explain to family that parent can refer. Cases seen have previously been instances where parenting-related difficulties were not isolated, there was need for higher level of support in both home and other environments. Justine detailed stepped program health district puts into place w/escalating series to involve JRB referral, 'work in progress, what is next step beyond taking vapes etc., not intending to step in for discipline at school but involvement needed.

ii. Vote on Action Plan: General agreement to keep status quo but add beneficial things to what we are doing, will draft new procedures to include desired additions to be able to utilize next meeting.

b. Youth Services Survey: Alicia indicated conversation with Granby JRB, openness to shared training training experiences, work w/them to hold outside work day. Youth Voices Counts-presented results, trends & needs, where do we go from here? Able to compare 2022 & 2026 spring data, discuss how needs seen impact JRB. Most prevalent substances alcohol, marajuana, tobacco. Responses indicated perception lack of response from teachers not stepping in to bullying, self harm, anxiety, depression. YSB developing Resilience Grows here at Seymour School, to instruct more in emotions, how to deal w/ & how to respond. Was mentioned that a lot what Scott & Tim Phelan, MS Principal, deal w/happens outside of school, children saying/texting things they wish they could take back, language specificity also problematic, ability to accurately use frustrated, sad, not bullying/kill myself, not communicating appropriately, parents can also use similar language when frustrated. Many boards now able to use survey to get to why things happening, use as another tool for us to see results. Discussion on tobacco/vapes being purchases locally, as those seen in school, Scott check electronic dispensary licence w/ state required to sell, Scott can call consumer protection to check if not held, however any flavored vapes confiscated are responsibility of PD to dispose of, not possible. Locally all stores allowed Scott to look in back, Scott goes periodically. Referred to survey finding a lot of kids who use substances want to stop but couldn't, can self-refer for assistance. Discussion on parent component- YSB had difficulty getting parents come out to hear info previously so plan to be at places where events are already taking places,, Youth Services Commission

have table & mic for few mins at events when they're already happening. Emphasis on ensuring Scott also invite to open houses. Discussion that kids that need help won't necessarily be those at these events or have parents attending or seeking these services. Request for Josh to send general info out to parents same way Scott's info on special needs notification/PD was sent out. Discussed possibility of HS advisory period for students, student meetings during that time, YAC sub group to meet, create info graphics for students/parents. Request for YSB/Scott to be present at staff in-service, greater understanding by staff of who can be referred to JRB. Also, MOU between YSB and BOE finished and signed.

7. Member Business:
    a. Quarterly meetings/hearing schedule: has been emailed, please sign up if you have not to fill remaining times
    b. Training: 4-day training upcoming Dec 2026, and 101 and 102 training virtually 11/17 and 11/19. Let Alicia know if want to sign up. Justine willing to schedule weekend/evening Youth Mental Health training for JRB.
    c. Appointments & Resignations: Sara Kleinman has resigned her position on the board, leaving 1 vacancy currently, ideally if anyone else wants to step down adequate notice given. Art will be finishing the year and Justine will step in as Chair in September 2027.
8. Public Comment: none
9. Adjournment: Nicole made motion to adjourn at 4:58pm, Ashley seconded, all in favor and motioned carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Whitney
Board member