YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES
April 21, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the East Granby Youth Services Commission was held Monday, April 21, 2025, at East Granby Farms in the white house. Robert Ravens-Seger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members also present were Evan Hanks, Art Reardon, Mia Hines, and Sara Kleinman. Alicia Van Neil (Program Coordinator) was also present. Bonnie Jones was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

A Reardon made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2025, meeting. E Hanks seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. S Kleinman made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2025, meeting. M Hines seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A./B. Programming/Prevention-

A Van Neil is hopeful that Boys Council and Girls Circle will both be held in May. This session of Hang Out is going well. A Van Neil went into each of the 8th grade classes to discuss the effects of vaping, alcohol, and marijuana. Both book clubs went well. S Kleinman held the one for the book titled: "Good Inside: A Guide to Becoming the Parent You Want to Be". A Van Neil held a one-night book discussion along with Farmington Valley Health Department with a book titled: "Glow Kids" on April 10th. Love and Logic will not be held in May for parents with children who have special needs, cancelled due to low enrollment.

C. YAC Update- A Van Neil reported on the High School group's activities. They attended a Mental Health First Aid Class. Now they are preparing for Sports Day on May 2 at the elementary schools, and they are holding a movie night at EG Farms on May 10th- showing Moana 2. The Middle School group had their Veteran's Day Dinner and they have their Earth Day celebration tomorrow at Granbrook Park. Both groups are planning their end of the year celebrations. A Van Neil also reviewed the timeline for the application and reapplication process for next year's YAC members.

D. JRB Update- A Reardon reported the JRB held their quarterly meeting on 4/1/25. There will be free online bias training. The group is working on increasing their rating with the state. A Reardon is creating a resource book that will include information on background checks and term limits for members, as well as exit

surveys and grievance processes. The MOU is still in process. It has gone back and forth between the town and school lawyers. Hoping to have it resolved and signed by the end of the academic year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Student Members- M Hines and E Hanks will talk to the MS and HS guidance counselors for suggested students to fill the 1 board vacancy for next school year.
B. MOU with BOE – discussed above under 5.D.
C. Grant Reporting – The state has instituted a new grant request process. It is a detailed and more complicated form and is more like a strategic plan. A. Van Neil will be sending out the documents to the group to review and to assist in creating the new grant request. It is due May 15th.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by E Hanks and seconded by S Kleinman to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm. Votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kovaleski
Youth Services Commission Clerk