

Minutes of the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council
Anne Arundel County Community College
Arnold Campus-CADE-Room 219
101 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012

April 3, 2019

YCSAC Member Attendance

Name	Representation	Attendance
Allison Abbondante	Camp Owner/Manager-For Profit	Present
Anita D. Anderson	Camp Owner/Manager-Non Profit	Present
Jolanda J. Campbell	Camp Owner/Manager	Absent
Carla L. DeWitt	Public	Present
Gabriel Houghton	Local Health Department	Present
Margaret C. Kaufman	Local Health Department	Present
Monika Piccardi	MDH	Present
Janet Rose	Camp Leader	Present
Rabbi Rami Schwartzer	National Camping Organization	Present
Meena Suri	Camp Owner/Manager-ACA	Absent
Vacant		

MDH Staff Present

Nicole Alonge-Smart and Michael McNeely

Introductions

Call to order at 10:03am

Rabbi Rami Schwartzer will be participating remotely

Approval of February 2019 Minutes

Minutes from the YCSAC meeting on February 6, 2019 were reviewed.

No corrections or suggested changes to the minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes from 2/6/2019 as written by Gabriel Houghton

Motion seconded by Allison Abbondante.

Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Open Council Positions/Attendance

Nicole Alonge-Smart(MDH) has corresponded with Kim Bennardi.

- The Governor has received a name for the vacant seat and is currently awaiting his review.
- The individual is to be formally appointed once the Governor has approved.

The following positions end in one year:

- Margaret C Kaufman, representing Local Health Department
- Monika Piccardi, representing Maryland Department of Health
- Carla Dewitt, representing Public

Update on By-Laws Subcommittee

Language added in to permit council members to submit a form for travel reimbursement
Final draft reviewed

Motion to approve the By-Laws as written by Anita Anderson

Motion seconded by Gabriel Houghton.

Motion passed unanimously.

Annual Report Letter

Covers 2017 and 2018

Edits and minor adjustments from last year

Recommend council is still funded with appropriate resources

Motion to approve edited 2017/2018 annual report by Anita Anderson.

Motion seconded by Monika Piccardi.

Motion passed unanimously.

Incident Report Data/Mental Health

- The subcommittee is looking at ways to gather pertinent data on mental health.
- The subcommittee would like to include a mental health action plan within the health program.
- Delphus Jones (2/6/2019 guest speaker) recommended self injury, attempted suicide, and suicide completed be covered in an incident report.
- The recommendation of the subcommittee is to look for a regulation change to add requirement for mental health plan.
- The first step is for the subcommittee draft of the language to be reviewed by legal, MDH.
- Opened up for discussion:
 - Recommendation from general public plan should cover training, resources, and documentation
 - Camp distributed sample of their mental health action plan (copy to be emailed to council)
 - Free mental health training is available→Youth First Aid USA (received free mental health training); PG has trained staff to provide free mental health to public
 - An individual from the general public requested from MDH a data report for the next meeting with the following information: self-injury, attempted suicide and suicide completed.

Licensing Logo/Communication

- Michael McNeely (MDH) stated current recommendation is for camps to utilize camp certificate number
- *How to Choose a Camp* MDH document was discussed and edits were suggested.
- Action item--Carla requested link to parent pamphlet and to youth camp data base on youth camp page

New Business

- Allison Abbondante discussed a new bill has been passed regarding minimum wage. Originally, camps were exempt from paying staff minimum wage. The exemption was not originally part of the language in the new Bill, but it was added back in.
- FBI will only provide background checks to government agencies. It was asked if vendors at college would be able to get FBI background checks. Michael McNeely (MDH) responded that CJIS was audited and it was determined FBI background checks cannot be distributed to non-government agencies.
- Regarding the CPS background checks, Stephanie Cook stated CPS process will not be changing this summer.
- Nicole Alonge-Smart (MDH) reminded YCSAC Board members that financial disclosures from Council members are due.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned by Carla DeWitt at 11:54pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- October 2, 2019
- December 4, 2019 (snow date December 11, 2019)
- February 5, 2020 (snow date February 12, 2020)
- April 1, 2020

Respectfully Submitted By,

Nicole Alonge-Smart, Secretary Stand-In
Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

Approved on October 2, 2019 By: Rabbi Rami Schwartz and Anita D. Anderson

And

Carla L. DeWitt, Co-Chair
Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council

Allison Abbondante, Co-Chair
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