

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Northville Youth Network Commission**

**DATE:** January 9th, 2024  
**TIME:** 8AM  
**PLACE:** Northville Community Center

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Michael Kelly at 8:03 AM.
2. ROLL CALL: *Present* – Marianne Barry, Cyndy Jankowski, Michael Kelly, Amy Knoth, Andrew Krenz, and Danielle Pine  
*Staff Members:* Amy Prevo, Kerri Ann Sondreal
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes  
Moved by Cindy Jankowski to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 12th. Seconded by Marianne Barry. Motion passed.
3. Program Report – Director Prevo

The month of December was busier than expected for NYN. The Wellness Wednesday program concluded the year with a “Skittles Budgeting” event, which had over 20 youth in attendance. NYN met with Darby Hoppenstedt to discuss the proposed NPS Wellness Center. 17 new referrals were recorded for December.

2023 Goals, Objectives, and Outcomes were reviewed. Highlights include serving 187 youth referrals for the year, which is the highest annual amount recorded. NYN supported 1513 youth throughout the year in various roles, functions, and events. Significant improvements were made to the Restorative Justice program, which now includes three workshops: Teen Talk (grades 6-12), Project Respect (grades 6-8), and Community Builders (grades 3-5). The Wellness Wednesday program was expanded to serve a larger age group with a variety of monthly events led by Bridget Drzewicki. NYN increased its social media outreach and engagement by increasing the frequency of communications.

Preliminary 2024 Goals and Objectives were reviewed as well. The main goals will be focused on improving and expanding services, increasing professional development, and establishing sufficient funding for the year and long term.

4. Financial Report – Director Prevo

One notable financial ledger update is to remove \$10k donation from the Revenue category since that donation was canceled.

The long-term budget for Shared Services (Senior Services, Parks & Rec, and NYN) will be reviewed for 2025+.

5. Liaison Reports
  - Northville Township – Cyndy Jankowski

No significant updates reported.

- City of Northville – Andrew Krenz

The City Chief of Police approved the Hope Not Hands initiative for the city of Northville. This action allows people that are experiencing substance abuse / drug overdoses to receive medial assistance without fear of legal issues.

- Northville Public Schools – Beth Santer

Noted by Cyndy Jankowski: The School Board will vote on 1/9 to determine if NPS will pursue a grant for a Wellness Clinic. This proposal has been discussed in various special public meetings and school board meetings.

## 6. Unfinished Business

Marianne Barry and Michael Kelly were reconfirmed as commission members. Three other city residents applied for commission board positions. The commission is exploring ways to get more interested community members involved in NYN.

NYN has new officers for 2024: Michael Kelly assumes the role as Chairperson, Marianne Barry assumes the role as Vice Chairperson, and Amy Knoth maintains the role as Finance Chairperson.

## 7. New Business

The 2025-2030 strategic action plan needs to be completed by the end of year. Amy Prevo recommends that a subcommittee is formed in a few months to address this requirement.

The Commission would like to increase community engagement and attract more people to the monthly meetings. The Commission is considering changing the location of the meeting to be at local schools. The goal is to gather more community engagement to drive the success of NYN. Additionally, the Commission is investigating how to utilize interested community members to help expand the network.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 AM.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 13, 2024  
8:00AM  
Northville Community Center