

TO: NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
FROM: BRIAN LEVERENZ, COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR  
DATE: MAY 10, 2018  
RE: COMMUNITY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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The funding letters were sent out in early May and that completes this year's funding process. Trustees have rotated their committee assignments; committee members have new liaison assignments and have been visiting their respective agencies and reporting on their activities. Each committee has at least 8 members, though some recruitment is in order as we will lose a few members next year. We currently have 36 agencies operating 50 programs. Everyone will receive their first check of the year at the end of June. We also have a number of new agency directors; at Counseling Center of the North Shore, Special Gifts Theatre, and Glenkirk.

#### **Food Pantry**

The food pantry is in excellent shape right now as we have just completed three significant food drives. Each year New Trier High School does an end of the school year food drive for us that gets us a van full of food items. We did a food drive in front of the Jewel on Friday, May 11 that resulted in several car loads of food. Finally, the Winnetka Presbyterian Church at 1255 Willow Road has been doing a drive for us each year. This year we received around 75 bags of foods. I'd like to thank all these places for their assistance in securing food for the pantry. Our usage often goes up in the summer though and donations slow down. With the additional funds from the board I will also be purchasing some items that we never get enough donations of, such as laundry detergent, paper goods and fruit juices.

#### **Peer Jury**

We've had 15 cases so far this year in Peer Jury; we had only 19 all of last year so we've been a little busier. (See attached Peer Jury Data History). I recently learned of some changes in juvenile law that have temporarily affected our referrals. The State Legislature recently passed the Juvenile Records Act. One element of the Act was to require local police departments to expunge juvenile records at age 18 for misdemeanor offenses (not felonies) without a request from the juvenile's attorney or family. This was done to further protect juvenile confidentiality and prevent these arrest records from following teens into adulthood. Glencoe has recently informed me that the Act also prevents police departments from sharing information with non-police or juvenile programs, though there is some lack of definition as to what constitutes a non-police program. We operate under the Station Adjustment process and are not considered part of the formal juvenile court system. The Act was passed quickly without thought being given to the hundreds of juvenile diversion programs and Peer Juries/Teen Courts in Illinois that offer a meaningful alternative to juveniles and the chance to avoid having a juvenile record in the first place, so this law, while meant to help teen offenders may actually have negative consequences for them. It's my understanding that many police departments and juvenile authorities are letting the legislature know this and efforts are being made to amend the law so that they can share arrest/case summaries with these programs so they can operate. I have processed cases from at least three police departments since January. They believe and their attorneys have advised them that the waivers authorizing release of information and the waiving of confidentiality (Though we still honor confidentiality of course) absolves them of any possible consequences and authorizes release of information. Three departments are going to continue referring cases (Wilmette, Winnetka, Northfield), but Glencoe prefers to wait. I have not heard from Kenilworth. I would welcome any visitor to the program, though they have to sign a document stating they will not disclose what they observe.

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP PEER JURY PROGRAM DATA											By Calendar Year			
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008			
TOTAL CASES	12	31	56	43	47	44	68	34	25	42	39			
NORTHFIELD	0	2	1	9	22	13	7	10	3	8	0			
GLENCOE	2	6	19	8	7	7	12	4	3	1	8			
KENILWORTH	1	6	7	0	0	0	2	1	0	8	11			
WILMETTE	9	8	19	14	17	6	23	9	9	6	14			
WINNETKA	0	9	10	12	1	24	10	10	10	19	6			
RELEASED	12 of 12	29 of 31	53 of 56	42 of 43	46/47	42 of 44	68 of 68	32 of 34	22 of 25	40 of 42	38 of 39			
REMANDED	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	3	2	1			
OTHER	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0			
TOTAL HOURS	210	791	1732	1266	943	970	1937	1273	1295	1665	2190			
MEAN	18	26	31	29	20	22	28	38	52	40	56			
MEDIAN	17.5	20	25	25	15	15	25	30	40	30	45			
MODE	25	20	20	20	15	15	25	15	40 or 10	30	40			
HIGH	50	120	120	90	100	110	125	150	200	185	120			
LOW	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	5	5	0	10			
OTHER PENALTY	6 of 12	6 of 31	8 of 56	14 of 43	13 of 47	12 of 44	40 of 68	10 of 34	10 of 25	10 of 42	22 of 39			
MALES	11	23	49	34	29	35	52	31	20	38	33			
FEMALES	1	8	7	9	18	9	16	3	5	4	6			
TOTAL CASES	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Totals				
NORTHFIELD	27	19	22	57	35	28	14	19	19	681				
GLENCOE	2	0	12	22	9	1	3	4	10	738				
KENILWORTH	3	1	2	7	4	1	4	0	1	100				
WILMETTE	1	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	46				
WINNETKA	12	7	6	10	8	3	5	8	5	194				
RELEASED	9	11	2	18	14	14	2	7	3	203				
REMANDED	27 of 27	19 of 19	22 of 22	54 of 57	33 of 35	26 of 28	14 of 14	17 of 19	19 of 19	655 of 681				
OTHER	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	20				
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6				
TOTAL HOURS	1105	870	1065	2570	1887	1395	607	817	855	25443				
MEAN	41	46	48	45	54	50	43	43	45	37				
MEDIAN	40	35	35	35	40	40	32.5	30	30					
MODE	40	35	15	25	10	40	30 or 35	10 or 30	25					
HIGH	160	125	200	200	200	160	120	125	125	200				
LOW	10	5	15	7.5	10	10	10	10	15	0				
OTHER PENALTY	18 of 27	9 of 19	10 of 22	26 of 57	18 of 35	14 of 28	5 of 14	8 of 19	6 of 19	265 of 681				
MALES	25	18	18	53	27	27	9	18	12	562				
FEMALES	2	1	4	4	8	1	5	1	7	119				