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Press Release

Sad Day for Youth Services in Tri Counties

“After meeting with provincial government officials again on Thursday, March 29th. their position remains unchanged,” reported SHYFT Youth Services Society Members. SHYFT feels the provision of a 24/7 service to at –risk and homeless youth is an essential part of the service delivery to this youth population.

“We feel this is a sad day for youth services in the tri counties of Shelburne, Yarmouth, and Digby,” explained co-chair Bernadette MacDonald.

“SHYFT is the only residential option for at –risk and homeless youth (16-24) in this part of rural Nova Scotia. Without a safe and supportive housing option for these youth it is very difficult for them. By providing a safe and supportive home our experience over the last year is that the youth were able to access other services, stay or return to school, start to deal with their addiction, or stay out of jail. This enabled them to get to the core of their issues and transition to a stable housing situation.”

The SHYFT house will be closed for residential services on Saturday March 31st. at 5:00.

“We have been allocated funding from the Department of Community Services for an Outreach Worker position which will allow us to have one staff through the work week,” states Ms. MacDonald.

The SHYFT House will be open 8:00- 4:00 with drop in from 2:00- 4:00. Monday-Friday.