

Madison County Youth Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm, Supervisors Conference Room, 2nd Floor
County Office Building, Wampsville
December 4, 2012

Members: Jill Moore, Jim Yonai, Dawn Post, and Bud Ballinger

Staff: Joanne Eddy and Tina Louis

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm

1.) Motion to approve minutes from the October 2, 2012 Youth Board Meeting was made by Jim and seconded by Jill, all approved.

2.) Re-appointment to the Youth Board: With their terms soon to run out, Chris Crandall, Lisa Reeves, and Donna Cashman have all agreed to be put forth for reappointment to the Youth Board to serve a two year term starting January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014. Motion to submit Chris, Lisa and Donna's names to the Board of Supervisors for reappointment to the Youth Board made by Jill and seconded by Bud, all approved.

At the meeting, Joanne received a letter of resignation effective 12/31/12 from Dr. Yonai. He will be retiring as the Director of Community Services on 1/18/13 and will be moving on to new challenges in his retirement. Joanne thanked him for his years of service on the Youth Board, bringing a perspective to the Board that no one will ever be able to duplicate. He stated that he has had wonderful relationships with people on the Board and that it has been rewarding. He also stated that he wishes truly good things for youth in Madison County and will keep his fingers crossed for only good things to happen with regard to youth funding in the future. He stated that he would continue to be a strong advocate for youth.

3.) 2013 Resource Allocation Process: Normally by this time, the Board would have issued either an RFP or requested updated budgets and a narrative from agencies. A number of inquiries have been made by agencies with regard to "where are we at." Unfortunately, business as it used to be done will not happen again. The Director of the Office of Youth Development (OYD) at OCFS will no longer release County allocations until the state budget is approved, as there have been changes to allocations made by the legislature during the budget process the last couple of years that have resulted in OYD having to recalculate previously released County allocations. With this new timeframe for receiving allocations, not-for-profits would need to go at least one quarter without a contract, or even knowing if they were going to receive funding. It will be May before allocations are received and June before contracts can go out. Last year, agencies who agreed to be pilots for evaluation programs were given assurances that they would receive level funding. No guarantees of funding would happen this year.

Joanne suggested that we send out a Request for Proposals (RFP) in late December with a submission date of 1/31/13 so that we will have program proposals and budgets in hand and ready to act upon when we have definite allocation figures. The RFP will be clear that submitting a proposal does not automatically guarantee the program any funding. The Governor's proposed 2013/2014 NYS budget will be released during the 3rd week in January, giving us an idea of what the funding picture will be. We can make a more informed plan of action at that time. If the Governor's proposed budget looks like last year and doesn't contain any onerous surprises, we can at least get the process moving. We may not be able to put solid amounts together, but the

initial process can get going to determine who the Board would like to fund, who might be taken out of the mix, and who might be decreased.

Joanne asked the Board for their thoughts on her plan. Jim stated that it was a prudent idea to send out an RFP to obtain information for the next budget cycle in order to be able to work quickly once final state budget numbers were known. All agreed.

4.) Update – Youth Volunteer Connection Website: Joanne shared with the Board the main page of the volunteercny.org website which includes a special section known as the Youth Volunteer Connection. The section was specifically created for use by Madison County youth under age 21. The website can be used to post volunteer opportunities for any age, but the special section allows youth to focus specifically on opportunities in Madison County. Organizations who post specifically for Madison County youth must include the invitation code **MCYB** in the subject of their volunteer position. Organizations and youth can track hours, and there are many other functions available making the site a great resource. Justin Lynch from the United Way, who we are working closely with on the site, is interested in doing the same for other counties. Last week was the kickoff for the site in Madison County. The site was made possible through funding to set up Regional Volunteer Centers across the state due to the fact that New York is 51st in volunteering when including the District of Columbia.

Tina is an administrator and has been trained to use the site. She is following up with people interested in more training. Sessions will be offered in the training room at Employment and Training so that people can become familiar with its use. The push now is to populate the site with opportunities first so that youth have something to search for before it is promoted to schools and youth. Tina will determine where initial promotion will happen for youth once opportunities are posted, such as a high concentration of opportunities posted in certain areas of the county. Jim asked what keeps people from going on the site that are “not OK.” All agencies must provide a copy of their 501c3.

5.) Youth Development Specialist Report: Tina shared that Local Government Interns completed their job shadows today. Nine students visited 5 county departments (Sheriff’s Office, Mental Health, Social Services, Public Health’s Environmental Health Division, and the Courts) and one local law enforcement unit, the Cazenovia Police Department. One student will also shadow the SWAT Team of the Sheriff’s Department on January 11th. Student evaluations were very favorable. The Youth Bureau has coordinated 136 internships and job shadows from January 2008 to present, to include 15 county departments and approximately 63 different career tracks.

The Chittenango Leadership group has been meeting regularly. They were invited to facilitate Fifth Grade Day at Bridgeport Elementary School. Fifth Grade Day is a community building day for the two elementary schools in Chittenango. The group completed the keynote for 144 fifth grade students as well as offering three teambuilding workshops and a closing activity on October 26th. The group has also met to plan for facilitation of the program that they completed for a new group of ninth and tenth grade students at Chittenango High School. The group will do bell ringing for the Red Kettle Campaign on December 6th and has expressed interest in working at the New Year’s breakfast through the Town of Sullivan Parks and Recreation Department. With regard to presentations, since the last Board meeting, Tina has presented the First Impressions Lasting Impact workshop to 10 members of Reality Check at the Colgate Bookstore meeting room and 25 students in two sessions at the BOCES Early Childhood Education program. Tina also presented two sessions of teambuilding workshops to the

Canastota Librateens. The Internet Safety presentations for parents brought out 10 BOCES parents at their Open House in November and only one person at the Cazenovia Public Library. Five Canastota FBLA students were trained to facilitate icebreakers for their conference in Utica in October.

6.) Miscellaneous – Jim Yonai’s Retirement Party will be held on January 18th, 6:00 p.m. at the Rusty Rail. The cost is \$15.00.

7.) Next Meeting –**The next meeting will be January 8th, 5:30 p.m., same location.** This will be an organizational meeting. We are desperately in need of a Board member to volunteer to take on the role of Secretary of the Board, with responsibility for taking meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Louis