

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

Members: Ron Cary, Jill Moore, Chris Crandall, Melinda Reeves, Lisa Reeves, Jim Yonai, 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 June 5, 2012 Youth Board Meeting and the August 7, 2012 Youth Board and Collaboration for Community Change Meeting was made by Chris and seconded by Jill, all approved.

2.) Nomination for Appointment to the Youth Board: Jill moved that Bobbi Jo Hannan be nominated for appointment to the Youth Board to begin November 2012. Bobbi Jo is a freshman at Cazenovia College. As a graduate of Canastota High School Bobbi Jo was an avid FBLA member and also participated in Local Government Interns during which time she initiated an anti-bullying program and assembly in her school. Chris seconded the nomination, all approved.

3.) Local Government Intern Program (LGI), Partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE): The LGI program is run by CCE and allows students to participate in an eight week program on the county campus during which time students learn about county government, attend Board of Supervisors meetings, and learn about different departments and their function. The Youth Bureau added a full day job shadow component during ACT for Youth funding that has become a component of the program. CCE recently underwent major transformations while relooking at their mission which will now be more agriculture focused. With Terri Lanterman Becker leaving for medical reasons, Peg Lewis took on the program for one year, but her position was eliminated. Joanne contacted Debbie SeGuin to inquire on the plans for LGI since major pieces of sessions were offered by the Youth Bureau including the job shadow. There was no debrief done with Peg when she left so the logistics of the program were not known by remaining staff, such as how to arrange for departmental visits and meeting space. Joanne offered to pick up the program. CCE decided it was not in their best interests to eliminate the program and offered to create a formal partnership with the Youth Bureau which hopefully will be better promoted next time. Currently 11 students are enrolled for the fall, including students from Morrisville, Cazenovia, Hamilton and Canastota. Tina is continuing to offer pieces on community involvement and the job shadow and has added the First Impressions presentation to the orientation. Joanne is preparing students for their first Board of Supervisor's meeting and will review the process of a resolution. Chris asked if the program can be repeated by students. Joanne explained that additional job shadows can be facilitated, but that it would not benefit the student to repeat the program. The Youth Bureau offered to provide transportation for Canastota students as initially transportation was an issue, but it was later deemed not necessary. Normally there would be two sessions offered during the school year, but due to CCE staffing issues there will only be a fall session at this time.

4.) Update – Youth Volunteer Connection Website: A solution has been found to the website dilemma we had in trying to get the Youth Volunteer Connection up and running through the county. Joanne and Tina met with United Way Regional Volunteer Coordinator Justin Lynch to

explore possibilities with the volunteercny.org site they have initiated. Justin will design a special tab on the main page specifically for Madison County youth to explore volunteer opportunities. Tina will have administrative rights to approve Madison County agencies. This is a win-win situation, allowing there to be youth friendly pieces added to the site and keeping the logo that was created for the Youth Bureau's original site. It is estimated the site will be operational by December 1st. Related to the site, the Volunteer Service Alliance, a group of nonprofit organizations who work with volunteers, will have a kickoff on October 30th which will highlight the site and review survey results for volunteer needs. Justin will present at the meeting and Tina will push for nonprofits to create accounts and add opportunities for young people. The site offers the ability to track hours so schools can use the site if they are willing to accept the reports. The site is open to anyone who uses or refers for volunteers. Ron asked if the courts could use it as a resource, to which Joanne replied yes. Once Tina is trained the site will be promoted to nonprofits. They can add ongoing and one-time events which would fade off the calendar. Justin is very excited about the youth pieces and is interested in replicating them in other counties. Ron asked if college students can use the site, to which Joanne shared that the site is for all ages and activities are entered by the agency according to their requirements. If you are interested in learning more about the website and what the Volunteer Service Alliance is doing please come to the meeting on October 30th, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Supervisor's Conference Room (same room as our meetings).

5.) Madison County Fair Pictures: Pictures of each of the booths in the Youth Tent were shared with the group. Joanne shared that a number of the organizations who participated this year were never involved before and expressed interest in coming back next year as they felt it was a good venue to reach people. The Youth Tent almost did not happen this year as many groups did not show interest until late.

6.) Youth Development Specialist Report: Tina shared that summer job shadows were offered as well as a summer session for Chittenango students. Workshops were requested at the Cazenovia Library. One was completed in September and another is scheduled for November. Tina distributed a flyer for the November 15th workshop, "Helping Youth Make Better Choices Online", 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. The library is located at 100 Albany Street. The workshop is for parents, caregivers, and youth workers. BEST has started to meet again. The group has decided to forego running the Government Group in favor of creating a Career and College Ready Program. This will most likely be the last year for BEST programming, however creating of the program would be something that could be repeated as well as continuing to offer job shadowing opportunities. The Chittenango Leadership Group existing members will be taking a more active role with leadership by acting as facilitators for the program they participated in as well as creating positive banners to post at school, facilitating an assembly and workshops at Bridgeport Elementary October 26th, and continuing to identify service and leadership opportunities throughout the school year.

7.) Miscellaneous – N/A

8.) Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting falls on Election Day. Joanne proposed the group skip November and meet in December. All agreed to that suggestion. **The next meeting will be December 4th, 5:30 p.m., same location.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.