

**Madison County Youth Board Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30 pm, Supervisors Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**County Office Building, Wampsville**  
**April 2, 2013**

**Members:**

Ron Cary, Bud Ballinger, Dawn Post, Donna Cashman, Bobbi Jo Hannan, Jill Moore, Mindy Reeves, Lisa Reeves

**Staff:**

Joanne Eddy and Tina Louis

*The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm*

**1. Motion to approve Minutes:**

- a. A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the March, 2013 Youth Board Meeting by Jill Moore and Seconded by Dawn Post, Motion Carries.

**2. NYS Budget Update-**

- a. Joanne reported that NYS has restored \$1.5 million in legislative funds which leaves us with the same budget as last year. Effective 1/1/14 YDDP and SDPP funding streams will be consolidated into a new 'Youth Development Program' funding stream. All current regulations pertaining to the distribution and use of YDDP and SDPP funds will no longer apply. OCFS is responsible for coming up with new regulations and a new distribution formula for the 'Youth Development Program' funding stream prior to 1/1/14. The new distribution formula will be based on youth population and additional factors to be determined by OCFS. Youth poverty level is one of the possible factors specifically mentioned in the new legislation. A big change that will occur as a result of the consolidation of YDDP and SDPP is that County Youth Bureaus will no longer be required to allocate funds to municipal youth recreation programs. There is currently approximately \$20,000 in funding going to 17 municipalities to reimburse them for some of the costs associated with operating their summer recreation programs. Allocations range from \$500 - \$3,405. The Youth Board will have to make some decisions regarding whether we want to include municipal recreation programs in the allocation process in the future. These decisions will be made after the new distribution formula and regulations are released.
- b. Runaway and Homelessness Youth Act funds were left out of the consolidation and will remain the same with no changes.

**3. 2013 Allocation of Funds:**

- a. Conflict of interest policy- After previous confusion with this policy the board found it important to review it before going any farther.
- b. **Allocation of RHY Funds- Have \$40,000 to allocate (\$25,000 in RHY funds and \$15,000 in Madison County match).**

**i. Liberty Resources Family Services, Inc – Safe Place for Youth Program –**

Requested \$40,000. Joanne informed the board that Liberty Resources had made some modifications to their program narrative to address some of the concerns that the board members had raised at the previous meeting. The revised narrative had been sent to the board members prior to the meeting. Following a discussion regarding the program's failure to address the lack of host homes over the last year, the members agreed to approve the funding, noting that there was no competition for the funding.

Bud Ballinger made the motion to allocated \$40,000 (\$25,000 RHY; \$15,000 Madison County match) to the Safe Place for Youth program. Dawn Post provided the second. The motion was approved (7-0-1- abstention).

**c. Allocation of YDDP Funds- \$23,212 available to allocate**

After considerable discussion regarding the fairest way to distribute the available funding based on program performance, scope of service and # of youth impacted the following counter proposals were suggested:

- i. Project Café – After School Program** - Asked for \$5,000 Counterproposal- \$5,600  
Discussion focused on giving this program a little extra as a reward for participating in the PQA pilot project in 2012 and taking such decisive action toward correcting areas of weakness identified during the PQA process.
- ii. Earlville Opera House- Youth Visual & Performing Arts** - Asked for \$4,850  
Counterproposal- \$4,500
- iii. BRIDGES - INROADS** - Asked for \$10,500 Counterproposal- \$9,000
- iv. Church on the Rock- Youth Center** - Asked for \$5,016 Counterproposal-\$4,112

Bud Ballinger made the motion to allocate the following YDDP funds: Project Café - \$5,600; EOH - \$4,500; BRIDGES- \$9,000; Church on the Rock - \$4,112. Bobbi Jo Hannan Seconded. The motion was approved 8 – 0.

**d. Allocation of SDPP Funds- \$13,688 available to allocate**

- i. Jim Marshall Farms- Teen Counseling Program** - Requested \$3,000  
There was considerable discussion regarding whether the board would entertain this funding request as it was submitted after the deadline. It was finally agreed that the need for counseling services outweighed any desire to penalize the Jim Marshall Farms Foundation for their late submission, so the request for \$3,000 would be honored.
- ii. ACT for Youth**- Requested \$4,688
- iii. Community Action Program**- Requested \$6,000

Once the board decided to fund the Teen Counseling program at the requested 2012 level it was agreed to keep the other two programs at their requested 2012 level also, so no counter proposals were made. Jill moved to approve these SDPP funding requests at the amounts shown above (2012

levels) and Mindy Seconded. The motion was approved 7 – 0 (Ron had departed the meeting prior to the vote).

**4. Youth Development Specialist Report:**

- a. Tina shared updates from the programs. Brookfield administered a student survey and they have decided to start an FFA club at their school based on the survey results. Tina will be wrapping up her program at Brookfield very soon; their last program will be a Good Morning Program for the Pre-K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Also, group is planning to clean up the school park with the pre-k students on earth day.
- b. Cazenovia School District has expressed interest in having Tina replicate the leadership program she is running in Chittenango. This would start in the fall.
- c. Chittenango Group is still going well. They are in the process of planning for a health and wellness workshop to talk about bullying at Bridgeport Elementary on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.
- d. Tina has been invited to be on the Oneida Child Safety Council which concentrates on the safety of students in the Oneida City School district.
- e. There will be a concert to celebrate volunteerism at the Kallet Civic Center in Oneida on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Tina will be there with a table to broadcast the new youth volunteer website.

**5. Miscellaneous-**

- a. Joanne submitted Kathy Caezza's name for possible appointment to the Youth Board. She is a licensed social worker who provides individual & family counseling in Oneida. The motion to forward Kathy's name to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the Youth Board was made by Donna Cashman and Seconded by Jill Moore. It was Approved
- b. Joanne also announced that Chris Crandall has notified her that she is resigning from the Board. The motion was made by Bud Ballinger to accept the resignation of Chris Crandall and Seconded by Jill Moore. It was approved.
- c. It was brought up that Google Hangout seems to be working fairly well for remote access to the meeting. The previous suggestion that an additional computer be added so that the whole board can be seen during the meeting was explored with the I.T. dept. and found to not be a viable option due to issues with the wireless internet and audio feedback from the computers being in the same room.

**6. Next Meeting- The board decided not to meet in May, so the next meeting will be held on **June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in the Supervisors Conference Room at 5:30pm****

*The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.*

**Respectfully Submitted by Bobbi Jo Hannan**