

Madison County Youth Board Meeting Minutes
5:30 pm, Supervisors Conference Room, 2nd Floor
County Office Building, Wampsville
March 4, 2014

Members:

Kathy Caezza, Jill Moore, Dawn Post

Staff:

Joanne Eddy and Tina Louis

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m. In the absence of the Chair, Dawn, the Vice Chair, led the meeting.

1. Motion to approve Minutes:

A motion was made to approve Minutes from the February 4, 2014 Youth Board Meeting. Motion made by Kathy; seconded by Jill; unanimously approved.

2. Update on Allocation of 2014 Youth Development Program Funds:

Joanne reported that both municipalities were very pleased about getting funded. Joanne has scheduled time with a representative from the Morrisville-Eaton-Smithfield Youth Commission to tighten up their activities and outcomes, as suggested during the allocation process. Community Action Partnership's Mentoring Program and Church on the Rock asked Joanne to thank the Board for their funding. BRiDGES inquired about their application and how it was scored. Project Café thanked the Board for previous funding and shared other thoughts on the state's changes to the funding and its more rigorous outcome requirements. Earlville Opera House was honored to receive funding. Joanne has inquired as to what EOH will use for measurement in their upcoming skill development workshops. Patti Lockwood-Blais said they have recruited two board members to help with the questionnaires. Joanne is concerned that the workshops are coming up quickly and need to be promoted, so we will see how it goes. Doc Marshall was disappointed that he did not receive funding, but he said that we can continue to use the facility free of charge. He did get a grant from a foundation and thought he would be able to continue some of the counseling services using that money. He plans to apply again next year.

Catholic Charities has hired staff for the program. The staff person worked for Liberty Resources when the Safe Place program first began and knows the ropes and the people. Joanne said we are in a good a spot as we were with Liberty at this point. Catholic Charities will operate the RHY and at-risk case management components until they receive the OCFS certification required to operate the interim family home portion of the RHY program. The daytime number to refer for case management is 363-5274. The program will be using the same answering service as under Liberty and has the same evening number, 366-5006. Joanne is really pleased that the program is up and running.

The legislation forming the new Youth Development Program funding requires that performance measures and outcomes be reported to the NYS legislature. There is no mechanism for us to report at this time. There is input at the front end, but no mechanism at the backend. This is a huge weakness. An end piece must be put together. OCFS has contracted with Results Leadership Group for a two to five year process to get the back end reporting feature done. Seven Youth Bureau Directors were

selected to be a part of the process and Joanne is one of them. Common performance measures will be determined. The group will go through the Touchstone areas and potential goals and outcomes to come up with performance measures. The process starts with a first meeting tomorrow.

3. Youth Development Specialist Report:

The Local Government Intern (LGI) program completed their last session of the fall semester on December 18th. Ten students from Cazenovia and one each from Morrisville, Chittenango and Canastota participated in this round. All 13 completed a full day job shadow experience. One student dropped out prior to completion due to school performance concerns. Students at Cazenovia are provided transportation and school credit whereas other schools do not provide either. Cooperative Extension provided transportation to schools in the past, but no longer has agency vehicles. It can be difficult for students from schools other than Cazenovia to participate due to these incentives not being available to them. Students were able to attend a committee meeting this round, but did not attend a Board of Supervisors Meeting, which is integral to understanding the function of local government. Board Meetings are at 2:00 p.m. and the LGI program runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Joanne shared that students will be able to attend a daytime Board Meeting during Annual Session that includes a Public Hearing. One meeting is enough for students to get an understanding of how the Board operates.

Tina shared job shadowing information. Three Chittenango and one Canastota student will shadow with the Sheriff's Office this week. They will spend time in the jail and then go out with either a Deputy on Road Patrol or work with an Investigator. One other Canastota student with an interest in psychology has not been scheduled yet, but will work with Early Intervention under the Health Department to do a home visit. She has also been connected with ARC to do an independent shadow with their teen respite group that meets on Friday evenings. In 2013 there were 27 students who completed job shadows, an estimated 30 career tracks with eight county departments participating. To date since starting to offer job shadows in 2008 there have been 163 students who have completed shadows, with approximately 71 career tracks explored and 15 county departments participating. All students and sites complete an evaluation allowing for feedback on both sides of the experience.

Chittenango Leadership Groups are actively running. A new leadership group (Group 3) started in December with nine students attending regularly. To date they have completed activities in goal setting, decision making, colors, and have started into teambuilding. Group 2, the second year service focused group, has completed bell ringing on December 10th and 17th, presented at the Chittenango School Board on January 21st (a thank you card from an audience member was shared), assisted with Family Bingo Night for a second time with the Town of Sullivan Parks and Recreation on February 21st, and participated in a full day service for Operation Northern Comfort (ONC) on February 22nd during their school break. ONC was a great experience as they were able to help rebuild a home in Oneida that was heavily damaged by flooding. They worked side by side with a family member who has been displaced since late June last year. A career exploration field trip is being planned for April 11th. The trip will include the Group 3 Leadership students as well as seniors who are entering the working world after graduation. Students will spend time at the Landfill, Employment and Training, Sheriff's Office, Courts, and Highway. An option will be offered to Group 2 to do job shadows that day.

With regard to the PQA, the second observation at EOH was done in December and the final report is complete. A meeting will be held with EOH to review the final report. BRiDGES Life Skills program went through an observation at Morrisville Elementary in December. Due to scheduling changes and school cancellations the second observation is set for March 10th at Canastota.

The Leadership Group offered to Cazenovia High School was put on hold in December so that staff could regroup and work on increasing attendance. (Only four students attended the first session with no confirmation that more would be coming.) Tina asked for new start date with an adjusted schedule and was told she would be contacted, but no feedback was offered. Tina contacted school staff after not hearing from them and offered a suggested start date. She also shared with the school that it would be difficult to start any later as the program needs about 21 sessions for full impact and requested to hear back one way or the other regarding next steps. The school did not respond. As it is too late to offer the program this school year, efforts will be made to determine if Morrisville Eaton or Stockbridge has an interest in the program for the next school year.

Tina reported that she has completed parent surveys for the Leadership Program as stated she would do in her funding proposal. She has also completed a policy and procedure manual for the program.

4. Miscellaneous:

Nothing to report.

5. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1st, 5:30 p.m. unless there is nothing to warrant a meeting. All Youth Bureaus are advocating at this time to get legislative adds back into the budget.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jill seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Tina Louis