

**Madison County Youth Board Meeting Minutes**  
**5:30 pm, Supervisors Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**County Office Building, Wampsville**  
**October 1, 2013**

**Members:**

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

**Staff:**

Joanne Eddy and Tina Louis

*The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm*

**1. Motion to approve Minutes:**

- a. Minutes from the August Collaboration for Community Change/Youth Board Meeting, the motion was made by Jill and Seconded by Dawn, Motion Carries.
- b. Minutes from the June Youth Board Meeting, the motion was made by Jill and seconded by Ron. Motion carries.

**2. Program Updates**

- a. Safe Place for Youth- Joanne reported that the program's supervisor, Virginia Whitford-Anken, met with the Social & Mental Health Services committee (Joanne's legislative committee) in June. She didn't express any urgency to find a host home, as the program's case manager has helped the youth find other housing options or they are referred to the shelters in Onondaga County if temporary safe housing is needed. The committee members reminded Ms. Whitford-Anken that a main goal of the program is to have a local housing option so youth do not have to be referred out of County. Joanne has met with the new Director of Catholic Charities to discuss whether Catholic Charities might be interested in competing for the RHY funds. Catholic Charities operated the RHY Interim Family Home program in Madison County from 1998-2003. They might be interested. Catholic Charities might also be interested in submitting a proposal for the new Youth Development Program funds to provide general case management services for at-risk youth. There is a need for this service, as many of the youth referred to Safe Place are not housing vulnerable but just need help finding resources to address other life issues.
- b. Local Government Interns Program - The Youth Bureau is continuing its partnership with Cornell
- c. Cooperative Extension to offer the Local Government Interns (LGI) program on the County campus again this Fall. There have been some challenges to offering a quality experience to the students this year. One of the challenges is the result of the Board of Supervisors moving their monthly meeting time from the morning to the afternoon, which precludes the LGI students from attending a BOS meeting. Attending at least 1 BOS meeting helps tie together many of the things they are learning in the program. A solution to this issue offered by the County Administrator is to invite the LGI students to attend the Finance, Ways & Means committee meeting when the tentative County budget is reviewed. The BOS Chairman also sent a formal invitation to LGI students and their parents to attend the BOS meeting and public hearing on the proposed 2014 County budget scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on 11/19. Students will receive extra credit for attending this meeting.

**3. 2014 Funding Update**

Joanne reported that it is very unlikely that the new rules & regulations for the Youth Development Program funding stream will be ready by 1/1/2014 as required by legislation. OCFS is looking at a couple of possibilities for handling this in a way that will allow funds to flow to Counties in a timely manner. One option is to issue short-term emergency regulations that will allow funds to flow without waiting on the required public comment period. This does not seem to be OCFS's preferred option. The other option would be to issue funds based on a new distribution formula that has a hold-harmless clause that doesn't allow any County to receive +/- 4% from what they received in 2012 and would have Youth Bureaus following a hybrid combination of new and old regulations until the final regulations are put into place sometime in 2014. Joanne expects to learn more definite information regarding this at the Youth Bureau conference in Albany later in October.

#### **4. Youth Development Specialist Report:**

- a. Tina shared that the Chittenango Leadership group was active over the summer doing service activities. Since the meeting in August, students visited Wanderers' Rest twice to clean everything from cages to litter pans, visited the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum to seal picnic tables, and then were offered a lunch and processed their activities. Students were more interested in doing the "dirty work" such as cleaning the flood damaged basement in Oneida and helping at Wanderers' Rest as they felt it was more meaningful. Leadership Group has started up again at school during lunch one day a week. The group has brainstormed areas of service. The first activity is planning a teambuilding workshop at Bridgeport elementary on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The group will be attending a school board meeting January 7<sup>th</sup>. A new round of the Leadership Group will be starting in December.
- b. Currently Tina and Joanne are going through the Program Quality Assessment observations with Earlville Opera House and Church on the Rock.
- c. Job shadowing opportunities are continuing to be offered. One Chittenango and one Brookfield student completed job shadows in the Courts and Environmental Health over the summer with one Canastota student planned to go to DSS this Fall in addition to the LGI Job Shadow Day December 3rd.
- d. Tina offered technical assistance to the Hamilton High School Principal, Bill Dowsland. There are plans to offer an After Prom Party at the school.
- e. Tina visited the BOCES Work Study Program class at VVS to do a First Impressions Workshop. Twenty students and eight staff were present. Another session will be offered to 30 students in Jeff Richmond's class at BOCES on Spring Road November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- f. Tina has been involved on the Volunteer Service Alliance, a group of nonprofits in Madison County. The group holds quarterly meetings and networks regarding volunteer needs. The group held a training session on September 27<sup>th</sup> on how to effectively use social media.
- g. The Volunteer website is still a work in progress. The local technical assistance we had through Justin Lynch at the United Way will no longer be available as Justin has taken a new position with the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau. Justin did provide alternate contacts.

5. **Next Meeting-** The next meeting will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

*The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm with Dawn motioning and Jill seconded. Motion Carries.*

**Respectfully Submitted by Bobbi Jo Hannan**