

**GREENE COUNTY CHILDREN, YOUTH & COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD  
MAY 10, 2017 MINUTES**

Call to order at 6:05 p.m. by Pam Coloton

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Pamela Coloton, Larry Krajewski, Mary Ann Scalera, John Scalera, Angelo Scaturro, Don Smith, Susan Smith Hicks, Donna Baeckmann

Staff: Ken Brooks, Terry McGee Ward

Excused: Charles D'Agostino, Mary Jo Jaeger, Lauren Clark

Absent: NA

**RE-INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER:** Donna Baeckmann re-introduced herself to the members that were not present at last month's meeting.

**APR. MINUTES:** Motion made by Don Smith, seconded by Mary Ann Scalera to accept April 2017 minutes with no changes.

**PROGRAM REPORTS & UPDATES:**

**Terry McGee Ward, Executive Director- :**

- The first Friday of every month there is a CDYBA meeting held in Albany. This year OCFS and Youth Bureaus have had three main concerns that seem to be the topic of most of their conversations. They are: Money (funding and where is it going), Future of the Youth Bureau System, and Department Changes (there have been some departmental merging and reorganizations).
- Juvenile Justice has also been a main topic of concern which has resulted in Terry becoming a member of the Regional Youth Justice Team.
- This year's Youth Fair has a theme (and each year will now have a theme as well), it is: PATRIOTIC
- There is a Pig Raffle going on to help raise money for the Youth Bureau, the tickets are \$10.00 a piece with a limit of 500 tickets sold. A full pig retails around \$900.00 in meat products.
- Carrie's Pre-pin client count is already at 26, which is well over her projected amount. Terry has been meeting with Carrie every Monday.
- 2017 funding availability is still at \$41,055. The Legislature has not approved the additional funding as of yet, and Terry is having difficulties reaching out to the proper people to get affirmation of an additional amount.

**Committee Reports:**

- Donna Baeckmann wanted to update the Board on the new Raise the Age provisions that went through with the state budget. A definition was inserted into the Agenda to make it

easier for discussions. The Advisory Council thanked Donna for the clarification and explanation.

**Old Business:**

**YOUTH OF THE YEAR:**

Every member of the council were given copies of the nominee's applications to review and vote. The top three winners: Youth of the Year, Chairman's Choice & Director's choice will be notified by mail.

There was a motion made that we should hold the ceremony at the Annual Youth Fair during the opening ceremonies that would take place on Thursday July 27, 2017. After a discussion of the Council it was decided that if the Youth Fair Committee allows us to include this into their opening ceremony then that would be what happens, if the Committee feels that due to one reason or another that this can't happen, then we will have a Dinner Ceremony at either the Catskill Elks (if they permit) or at the Athens Senior Center. It was also discussed that the monetary award would be determined when we know if we will have to pay for a dinner or not.

The funding for the awards and the dinner ceremony (if we have one) will come from the GC Youth Bureau Community Development Funding. John and Mary Ann Scalera have offered to do a raffle to help reduce some of the costs.

A certificate will be issued to each of the nominees (13) the top three will be noted as stated upon the remainder will read "Outstanding Youth of Greene County".

A motion was made by Larry Krajewski and seconded by John Scalera, a vote was taken – 7 yea and 1 nay. Motion passed.

**2017 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING VOTE:**

To start off the discussion Terry McGee Ward suggested that we fund the applicants with the same amount that we funded last year. Council members presented reasons why some of the applicants request should be reviewed and revised. The two main concerns were the funding for the YMCA (requesting \$3000) and the Girl Scouts of NENY – last year rec'd \$1500), it should be noted that the Girl Scouts never fill in an amount, they accept whatever the council votes on. After a discussion of the council members, a motion was made that we give the YMCA \$2,250 and the Girl Scouts \$2,250 and all other applicants receive what they received last year. It should also be noted that Athens Cultural Art Center and MHA of Columbia-Greene did not submit an application for 2017, so they will not receive any funding. Based on this decision, if we do not receive any more funds from the Legislature we will have a deficit of \$1470. The Council has agreed to allow Terry McGee Ward to make the decision on whether the deficit will come from the GC Youth Bureau administration funding or the GC Youth Bureau Community Development Funding.

A motion was made by Pam Coloton, seconded by Larry Krajeski, a vote was taken and all were unanimous 8 yeas 0 nays. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Pam Coloton announced that due to her busy schedule she may have to miss a couple of meetings, it will be determined by the October 2017 meeting how she will proceed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm by Pam Coloton & seconded by Angelo Scaturro.

**Next meeting: Wednesday June 14, 2017 Aging Training Room 411 Main St. Catskill NY 12414.**

Menu: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth L. Brooks Jr. Business Manager GCDHS