

GREENE COUNTY CHILDREN, YOUTH & COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 11, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M. – In Person with option to join via Zoom

PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING: Ken Brooks and Ricky Lyons

RECORDER: Katy Drake*, Consultant

ATTENDANCE: Ken Brooks, Debra Kingman, Ricky Lyons, Dr. Sal Massa, Brenna Rustick*, John Scalera, MaryAnn Scalera, Angelo Scaturro* and Don Smith.
* = Zoom

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Pam Coloton (Chair), Mary Jo Jaegar, Larry Krajeski and Alison Phoenix

The meeting opened at 6:04 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a confirmation of members present on the Zoom Call. With 7 out of 10 Members present, a quorum was available. Quorum for the Board is 50% plus 1 (6).

Ken Brooks welcomed members. Pam Coloton is on leave from the Board at this time. Ken Brooks led the meeting. Ken introduced the new Executive Director, Mr. Ricky Lyons.

Staff Reports

Carrie Wallace shared that both her and Laura recently attended Cyber Safety Training. Carrie shared information on the challenges of social media for youth. It is believed that social media is having a critical impact on mental health, suicide and assaults. Deb Kingman shared that often disputes start on social media and later result in violence in the school or community. The lack of resources to support youth during these challenging times was discussed.

Old Business

Angelo made a motion to approve the meeting notes from April 13, 2022. Don seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting notes were approved as written.

The Committee discussed the vacancies and will be reaching out to the three youth who won the 2022 awards to gauge their interest and availability to serve. Ken shared the results of the 2022 Youth Awards. Presentations to the winners will occur at opening day of the Greene County Youth Fair.

In response to the Committee's question on where the Youth Award Applications are sent out, Maureen Murphy provided a full distribution list. The Committee will be suggesting we add Columbia Greene College, the CGCC Workforce Office- Associate Director of Youth Services, Service Clubs at all schools & the college, National Honor Society Programs, Food Pantries, Fire Departments and Home-Schooling Networks.

Program Funding, Ken Brooks

Ken confirmed youth funding for 2022 will remain at approximately \$45,494.00. Ken reviewed the programs that were approved for 2022 and the list of the programs that did not request funding this year. Some programs may not be running in 2022 (due to the unpredictability of COVID & severe worker shortages) and some programs may have access to COVID funds so they did not need to apply. Requests for 2022 will be awarded 100% of the requested funds. The grants are reimbursement grants, paid out after the programs are completed. The board discussed how the remainder of the funds will be used. \$10,000 in funding supports the Youth Bureau. Approximately \$2,164 will be set aside to be used as needs arise or requests are received. Ken confirmed that the Board can consider late applications since funding is still available. The Board will be looking at the application to ensure it is not too cumbersome and is discouraging applicants. Ken noted if you received funds the previous year, the application process was simple and straight forward.

Ken shared information for the **Greene County Youth Bureau Sports Opportunity Funding** for youth programs sponsored by any 501(c) (3) (Non-profit tax-exempt charitable organization per IRS). Programs should operate from January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022. The deadline for this RFP is Friday, August 19, 2022. * Specific information for this funding was emailed out to Board Members on May 12th by Maureen Murphy.

New Business

Director's Report, Ricky Lyons

As Ricky just started within the past three weeks, he provided information on his background working with youth and his intentions in serving the youth of the county.

NYS Governor's Youth Council

Judges are needed to review applications. We have been notified that applications are in the system for the NYS Governor's Youth Council Representative (ages 13 – 21) to represent Greene County. As Brenna represented Greene until recently aging out of the Council, she shared an overview for committee members. Three judges are needed to review and evaluate the Greene Applications. The committee recommended Ken Brooks, Brenna Rustick and Carrie Wallace.

The Board ended the meeting by discussing summer recreation and meal programs.

Adjournment @ 7:05

Next Meeting Date: **June 8, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.** – At the Human Services Dept Office -411 Main Street, Catskill with the option to join via Zoom.

Meeting notes approved by a Quorum at the June 8th meeting.

Notes respectfully submitted by Katy Drake/Greene Consultant