

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

May 10, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. – In Person with option to join via Zoom

PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING: Vice Chair Dr. Sal Massa

RECORDER: Katy Drake*, Consultant

ATTENDANCE: Tami Bone, Amanda Karch, Debra Kingman, Maeve Lampman*, Dr. Sal Massa, Brenna Rustick, John Scalera, MaryAnn Scalera, Angelo Scaturro (Chair), Stephanie Schleuderer and Don Smith.

* = Zoom

EXCUSED: Pam Coloton, Kevin Forbes, Gabe Hoglund and Mary Jo Jaegar

Guests: Carrie Wallace and Maureen Murphy

Dr. Sal Massa opened the meeting at 6:01 with the Pledge of Allegiance. With 8 out of 13 members present, a quorum was available. Chair Angelo Scaturro joined the meeting initially via Zoom, then in person raising the attendance to 9.

Staff Reports

Carrie expanded on the information on the current supports and service provided to Greene County Youth and their families from last meeting, sharing a breakdown of school districts served and challenges faced. Eight new youth are being served this quarter so far. Twenty-two of the youth being served have truancy related challenges. The impact from substance abuse and mental health challenges (youth and/or a family member) and available resources in the county were discussed. Deb Kingman noted that mental health services are more readily available now than during the years impacted by Covid. It was noted that in-person services, rather than virtual, seem to work better in establishing a rapport with youth. More family counselors are needed in Greene County. Advocacy and support of additional mental health resources were discussed.

Old Business

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Brenna noted a correction needed to the minutes in terms of attendance. With that correction noted, Amanda made a motion to approve the meeting notes from April 2023. John seconded the motion. With all in favor, the meeting notes were approved with the attendance correction.

Announcement of the 2023 Youth Awards

- Ella Schoenborn will be awarded **Youth of the Year for 2023**
- Micah Doig will receive the **Chairman’s Award for 2023**
- Maeve Lampman will receive the **Director’s Award for 2023**

Congratulations were extended to Maeve! Awards will be presented once again at the Greene County Youth Fair. Opening Day of the Fair is scheduled for July 27, 2023. At the June meeting the Board will discuss the award ceremony.

New Business

Funding and 2023 Youth Program Applications

Continuing the funding discussions from the April meeting, the change in fiscal cycle for 2023 was again reviewed. For the application review it is important to note that the allocations are 75% of 2022 allocations due to changes in the fiscal cycle. *“For Programs 1/2023 – 9/30/2023 (current applications): In order to move from a calendar year to a fiscal cycle (October-September cycle), the 2023 fiscal year is only 9 months long, and thus is the allocation was prorated to 75% of the 2022 allocation. For Programs 10/2023 – 9/2024: The FY2024 allocations are dependent on the state budget process which is currently underway.”*

Board members were emailed the applications for consideration in advance, with a spreadsheet illustrating full application information and a brief spreadsheet the Board could refer to when comparing programs to make funding decisions. **For this review cycle, NYS allocated \$34,121 for Youth Development and \$14,273 for Youth Sports Funding.** For 2023, requested funding exceeds the youth allocation. The additional information the Board requested was emailed to Board members and is available for review at the meeting. Maureen Murphy, who is the primary contact for the RFP, was in attendance to answer questions.

In April, the Board had questions on eligibility for funding, specifically on municipalities applying, 501c3 status requirements and charity registration numbers. Maureen updated the department spreadsheet to confirm charity registration numbers on file and/or exemptions as allowed under NYS. Maureen also prepared a chart outlining program hours – how long a program runs and for how many hours. This chart was sent out with the meeting agenda and application spreadsheets. A funding review checklist was provided to all members via email in advance of the meeting for review of the funding applications.

Dr. Massa recommended starting with the Sports Awards, since the four proposals were requesting close to the funding available for 2023. Dr. Massa recommended a 1% cut to all four program budget requests, as funding is available to cover 99% of all four requests - leaving a balance of \$13.87. The Board discussed the four programs, noting program hours and population served. Questions arose regarding the overlap between Cairo’s Summer Sports Program’s (Sports funding request) and their Youth Development Summer Recreation Program request. Maureen clarified that the Cairo Summer Sports Funding request is for sports equipment for the program, as allowed under the RFP.

Don made a motion to approve the four Sports Funding applications for 2023, with a 1% cut in order to fit the funding available. John seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor. Please see attached chart for approved funding for 2023, January – September.

Regarding the Youth Development Program applications, difficult funding decisions may need to be considered as requests exceed the \$34,121 available. The funding charts do not include a funding request to support Admin/Pre-Pins for 2023. \$500 will need to be approved for Greene County Youth Awards out of Community Development.

The Board discussed Common Ground, Inc’s application for \$15,000 for a 9-month program (Close to 43% of the total Youth Development Funding for the 9 months). Common Ground was awarded \$12,500 in 2022 and \$7,000 in 2021. Questions arose as to who is served under the

350 participants noted in the application and the extent of services provided. The Board would like to hear from Common Ground on the program at the June meeting.

*Update: Dawn Wallant, Executive Director and Penny Calyer, Youth Coordinator, from Common Ground will be making a short presentation at the June 14th meeting.

A motion was made to fund all programs at their requested amounts with the exception of Common Ground, by Amanda. John seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor. (Note: The motion was amended later in the meeting).

The Board discussed monitoring procedures and the self-monitoring process that has taken place since 2020. Maureen shared information on the monitoring reports from 2022. Monitoring reports can be shared with the Board via email following the meeting. Questions again arose regarding Cairo Summer Recreation Program applying for funding under both the Youth Development and Sports Funding grants. The Board would like more information on the potential overlap of the funds, especially in a year with a 25% funding reduction. The Board would like to hear directly from the program at the June meeting and discussed holding funding, at least until the potential overlap in requests is clarified.

The previous motion was rescinded. John made a new motion to fund all programs at their requested amount with the exception of Common Ground and Cairo Summer Recreation. Brenna seconded the motion. The motion carried. Representative from both programs will be invited to speak at the June meeting.

*Update: Janet McKeon from Cairo Summer Recreation Program will be attending the June meeting to present their program. The funding of \$3,039.18 for the youth sports program for Cairo Summer Sports Program stands approved. The funding of \$2,885.85 under Youth Development Programs is on hold per the final motion.

See chart attached for Youth Development Funding Awards.

Adjournment @ 7:08. Notes respectfully submitted by Katy Drake/Greene Consultant

Next Meeting Date: **June 14, 2023 @ 6:00**– At the Human Services Dept Office -411 Main Street, Catskill with the option to join via Zoom.

Meeting Notes Approved June 14, 2023