

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
October 11, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. (In person meeting only)

PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING: Chair, Angelo Scaturro

RECORDER: Dr. Sal Massa, Vice Chair II

ATTENDANCE: Amanda Karch, Stephanie Schleuderer, Don Smith, Angelo Scaturro (Chair), Debra Kingman, Kevin Forbes, Dr. Sal Massa, John Scalera, MaryAnn Scalera, Tami Bone, Pam Coloton, Mary Jo Jaegar, and Brenna Rustick.

Guest: None

EXCUSED/ ABSENT: Gabe Hoglund and Maeve Lampman

Chair Angelo Scaturro opened the meeting at 6:04 with the Pledge of Allegiance. With 11 out of 13 members present, a quorum was available.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Angelo asked for any discussion of the June 14, 2023, minutes. With no discussion offered, the minutes were unanimously approved by those present. He then asked for any discussion of the September 13, 2023 minutes. As there was no discussion, a motion was made by Amanda that the minutes be accepted, Pam seconded the motion, and those minutes were unanimously approved.

Vote to ratify email vote on reallocation of the \$2,500 in funding awarded to Community Action Peer Court

Angelo asked for any discussion regarding why the funds could not be awarded and for transferring the funds to the Greene DHS/Youth Administration. Kevin made a motion to approve the transfer; Mary Jo seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Letter finalized to notify Community Action Peer Court

A discussion took place regarding this issue. A letter has yet to be written. Stephanie asked if an email would suffice but the Board felt that a formal letter should be written. Angelo will work with Stephanie to craft a letter.

Program Review/Monitoring

- Monitoring for Girl Scouts has been completed but Prattsville Art Project still needs to be done.
- Discussed previous meeting's conversation regarding the efficacy of Board involvement in the monitoring process. The suggestion was again made that when funding was awarded, the Board could decide who from the Board would accompany a staff member and when the visits would take place.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff Report

- Stephanie reviewed data regarding services provided and caseload numbers.
- Sal asked about a follow-up to last meetings conversation regarding the truancy process. Debra explained the process in greater depth and said that identified youth may be carried over from year to year. She went on to explain that each school district's School Resource Office (SRO) was involved in the process. Another request was made to see the process in writing.
- A discussion took place regarding the proposed Quarterly Reporting Tool. The group was unanimous in expressing that it would be a helpful means of being updated on youth activities.
- A discussion then took place regarding the role of the YAB and whether we are effectively identifying and addressing issues for Greene County Youth. Sal reflected back on the February ACT for Youth newsletter which had an article titled "Child & Family Well-Being in New York State". The report has several items which directly impact the youth of Greene County which have not yet been discussed by the Board. This led to a discussion of the function of the Board. Also discussed was the coordination of support for youth between county departments. Tami suggested that the Board connect with Laura Churchill who heads the Greene County Public Health Department as that department engages in improving awareness and outreach for the youth in Greene County.

2023/24 Funding Allocations- Upcoming RFP

- The Board discussed the Memoranda received from the Office of Children and Family Services. Some clarifications were discussed regarding what could be funded with the new Youth Team Sports funds. Stephanie reviewed what happens currently with advertising for youth funding with some suggestions being made for how to expand the dissemination of information.
- The Board discussed the Universal application which Stephanie will review with Maureen.
- While the Board discussed the time frame for RFP release and agreed that they should go out as soon as possible, the Board will decide as to a date by next month's meeting. As to the date the proposals would be due back, the Board felt that the end of March would be appropriate so that the applications could be reviewed at April's meeting. Again, Stephanie will discuss this with Maureen.
- As to conferences with bidders and posting a Q & A page to assist applicants/potential applicants, the Board felt that more information was needed and decided to table the discussion until next month's meeting.

Adjournment @ 7:11. Notes respectfully submitted by Dr. Sal Massa, Vice Chair II

Next Meeting Date: **November 8, 2023 @ 6:00**– At the Human Services Dept Office -411 Main Street, Catskill with the option to join via Zoom.

Notes Approved by a Quorum on November 8th Meeting.