

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

November 8, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M. – In person with option to join via Zoom

PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING: Chair Angelo Scaturro

RECORDER: Katy Drake*, Consultant

ATTENDANCE: Vice Chair Pam Coloton*, Debra Kingman, Maeve Lampman*, Vice Chair Dr. Sal Massa, Brenna Rustick, John Scalera, MaryAnn Scalera, Chair Angelo Scaturro, Stephanie Schleuderer and Don Smith. **GUEST:** Carrie Wallace * = Zoom

EXCUSED: Tami Bone, Kevin Forbes, Gabe Hoglund, Mary Jo Jaeger and Amanda Karch.

The meeting opened at 6:01 with the pledge of allegiance. With 9 out of 13 members present, a quorum was available.

Old Business

Approval of Meeting Minutes

As a quorum was available at the meeting, a motion to approve the October meeting notes as drafted was made by MaryAnn. The motion was seconded by Don Smith. The minutes were approved as written. The Chairman thanked Sal for taking notes for October.

Program Review/Monitoring for 2023

A report from Maureen indicates that monitoring is complete for 2023. The follow-up letter to Peer Court regarding the Board being unable to release funding as no youth were served during this 2023 contract cycle was sent out. The sign off for reallocating those funds to the Youth Bureau is still pending. For 23/24, monitoring visits with staff and Board members will be established once funding is awarded in the spring and program schedules are obtained.

New Business

23/24 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Youth Funding

The board discussed the drafting and release of the upcoming RFP. It was decided:

- The RFP would be released on December 1, 2023, with a return date of March 15, 2024.
- The RFP would be re-issued on January 30, 2024, to ensure no programs missed the release due to the timing of the RFP.
- Notice of the available funding would be distributed far and wide, including a posting in the Greene County Roundtable Newsletter.
- Members with suggestions for distribution (especially the new sports team funding opportunity) should send information to Maureen.
- Maureen Murphy will be noted as the contact for assistance and technical support.
- A Q & A will be posted on the County website with the RFP & required forms. Questions will be requested by February 15th, with the Answers posted by February 28, 2024.

23-24 Youth Funding amounts were reviewed. It was again noted that the sports team funding may be a one-year opportunity.

Greene Youth Funding	Allocation for 10/1/23-9/30/24
Youth Development	\$45,495.00
Youth Team Sport	\$18,766.00
Youth Sports and Education	\$19,030.00

Communications Ad Hoc Committee

The Board discussed ways to better communicate the mission of the Youth Advisory Board to the Greene County community. Sal suggested a subcommittee of the Board to address communication, including reviewing the website and posting monthly articles in the Greene County Roundtable news. Angelo appointed Sal the Chair of a Community Communications Committee, that will meet as needed. Angelo, Deb, and Carrie agreed to serve on the committee. Katy will reach out to Laura Anderson, Kevin Forbes and Amanda Karch to gauge their interest and availability to serve.

Youth Advisory Board Membership

Board member recruitment for 2024 was addressed. Andrew Holiday, a senior at Catskill High School, applied to serve on the Board. Recruitment through local school districts for youth and school representatives was discussed. Katy will reach out after the new year to try to expand membership for 2024.

The Board discussed the coordination of supports between county departments. Representation from Public Health was requested. Stephanie will reach out to Laura Churchill and Kerry Miller about the potential of a public health representative serving on the Board or attending as a guest when available.

2024 Officers

The Board discussed officers for 2024. Angelo, Pam and Sal were thanked for their service in 2023—it was a busy year for youth services! Pam noted that she will not be able to serve as an officer in 2024 due to her travel schedule. Amanda Karch had submitted an email of interest in a Vice Chair position. Officers were voted on and the Executive Committee for 2024 is as follows:

Chair—Angelo

Vice Chair I- Sal

Vice Chair II- Amanda

Congratulations and thank you for your service!!!

2024 Meeting Calendar

The Board discussed adding a March meeting to address board business for 2024 before the focus turns to reviewing and approving proposals in April and May. If the November meeting is not needed, the Board will return to a 6 meeting per year schedule. Members requested that the meeting be held as late in March as possible due to potential winter weather. The meetings will begin at 5:30 in 2024 and all efforts will be made to keep the

meetings to sixty minutes. The county requests that the meetings be over by 7:00 so as to not hold up the cleaning crew. The 2024 meeting schedule is noted at the end of the notes.

Youth Bureau Report, Carrie Wallace & Stephanie Schleuderer

Carrie shared that the Youth Bureau staff supported 75 Greene County youth and their families so far for 2023. The challenges facing youth today were discussed, noting the high cost of housing and groceries for families, mental health challenges and substance abuse issues, not only for youth but for parents & guardians. In terms of follow up on the Truancy Policy requested, Greene County has no overarching written policy on truancy. School districts have policies posted on their websites but follow up can differ by district. Carrie and Deb assured the Board that while they are supporting the schools, the districts are the lead in addressing truancy.

Stephanie shared statistics and information from the recent youth conference regarding alcohol, drugs and vaping. Products aimed at youth such as cotton candy vape, energy drinks and soda alcohol drinks were discussed. Greene County has a statistically high number of overdoses. Resources and support need to be further explored. The impact of social media on youth was further discussed, with Sal sharing a recent statistic that youth on average spend at least five hours a day on social media platforms. The newly established Communications Committee will be including information and resources in upcoming Roundtable Newsletters to share critical information in the areas of youth services & resources for families to better understand and address the many challenges that face youth, not only in Greene County but across the country.

Adjournment @ 7:03. Notes respectfully submitted by Katy Drake/Greene Consultant

Next Meeting Date: **March 20, 2024 @ 5:30 @** the Human Services Dept Office -411 Main Street, Catskill with the option to join via Zoom.

****Please note the March meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month as the Board had requested to meet later in the month in hopes of avoiding winter weather.**

March 20, 2024* *weather permitting*	5:30 – 7:00
April 10, 2024	5:30 – 7:00
May 8, 2024	5:30 – 7:00
June 12, 2024	5:30 – 7:00
Greene Youth Fair	
September 11, 2024	5:30 – 7:00
October 9, 2024	5:30 – 7:00
November 13, 2024	5:30 – 7:00

APPROVED BY A QUORUM ON MARCH 20, 2024