

Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board
August 8, 2018
4:01pm – 4:31pm
Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County, Johnson Room
Watertown, New York

New board member orientation was provided by Jesse Roshia. Amy Briggs, Robin Colello-Poplaski, Taylor Edgar, Allyson Ruetten, Stephanie Graf and Sheryl Foan were present.

MINUTES

Present: Jesse Roshia, Stephanie Graf, Sheryl Foan, James Schell, Amy Briggs, Robin Colello-Poplaski, Taylor Edgar, Allyson Ruetten, Christine Sutton, Mary Jane Mathewson, Scott Weller, Rebecca Reed (4:15pm) and Tom Powlin(4:18pm).

Excused: Brooke Bazinet, Matt Rogers, Jane Gendron and Robert Cantwell.

Not present: Dan Deegan and Grace Babcock.

Meeting was called to order at 4:01pm by Sheryl Foan.

Introductions were made. New members were welcomed.

The **April 11, 2018 minutes** were reviewed and approved unanimously with a motion by Mary Jane Mathewson and seconded by Jesse Roshia.

Director's Report, James Schell

Overall funds are being spent appropriately. There are some summer programs that will bill in the fall. Everyone is right on track and meeting their numbers.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OCFS) gave us \$30,000 for an awareness campaign for Sexually Exploited Youth (SEY). We contracted with the Victim's Assistance Center (VAC) to provide the trainings. We have purchased 10,000 awareness postcards. VAC is billing quarterly. We may try to purchase a rolling bill board, we are looking into it. We purchased 10 book bags to give to youth if needed, filled with needed items. Next year the funds will go through NYSOCFS to DSS through the Safe Harbour program.

Committee Reports

Youth and Community Development Committee, Jane Gendron. James Schell reported that they did meet. The focus for this meeting was to review the county plan. Teen pregnancy and the LGBTQ community are areas of need identified in the county plan, these two areas of need were discussed at the meeting. Anne Garno from North Country Prenatal Perinatal

Council was present. Jim says there is only \$2,000 in the budget to go towards an effort in this area. He did reach out to JCC Center for Community Studies to see if they could help with a needs assessment, but the monies available are not nearly enough. Suggestions were given and Jim is going to work on this. Jim suggests that we focus on teen pregnancy and LGBTQ as these are identified areas of need in the county plan in our next funding cycle.

Youth Recognition Committee, Jane Gendron, no report.

Proposal Screening Committee, no report. Matt Rogers is the Chair for this committee.

Program Monitoring Committee, Scott Weller has a meeting scheduled on September 18, 2018 at 4pm.

Board Development Committee, Jessie Roshia – we have five new members and a new member orientation prior to this meeting.

Executive Committee, Sheryl Foan, no report.

Old business Stephanie Graf shared a letter from the Northern New York Community Foundation for the gift of \$220 in honor of Irene Wilson. The letter was passed around and James Schell kept for the archives.

New business Tom Powlin asked if the Youth Service Network still meets and he would like to present at it. Stephanie Graf will coordinate this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:31pm.

Next meeting dates and times – November 28, 2018 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Graf