

**Youth Services Network Meeting**  
**January 11, 2021 9:15-10:30am**  
**Zoom meeting**  
**Minutes/Notes**

1) **Introductions/Welcome** – everyone was welcomed.

We did not do introductions due to the difficulties doing so through a zoom call. In total there were 22 participants on the call (not all may be represented in the following list). Stephanie Graf, Karen Marcum, Mitch McCormick, Rudy Salisbury, Kathryn Ripstein, Sabrina DeRue, Lisa Vaughn, Kylie Schell, Joe Wargo, Stephen Leepy-Gleason, Kelli Liscum, April Bennett, Christopher Yarnall, Cori Leshner, Celeste Oppito, Michelle Martin, Hiliary Avallone, Tricia Gay, Sonny Valdez, Kathy Joyce, Matt Richmond – Children’s Home, Steve Karon.

2) **Review November 9, 2020 minutes** – minutes were sent out in advance. No changes were made.

3) **Guest presenters** –

April Bennett, Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County (CCE Jefferson), Nutrition Program Manager – Health and Wellness Resources available to the community – April shared that we are offering in-person when it is appropriate and virtual when that works. April shared that we have learned a lot during this time and are still discovering new ways to approach and deliver learning. April shared the weekly nutrition flyer that is distributed and the Youth Nutrition and Wellness page on the CCE website. April said the programming offered is based on the perceived needs in the community, created through referral information and a partner planning process. April reviewed some of the current programming occurring – mushroom workshop, parent education, FB live group, New Year Menu program, Wild Over Work 4-H programming, Nutrition Teen programming, 4-H Outdoor Adventure Club and 4-H Cross Country Skiing.

Celeste Oppito, WPBS, Education & Lifelong Learning Partnership and Services Manager – PBS online resources (PBS Learning Media & GPS For Success). Celeste shared the plethora of programs offered locally and nationally through WPBS. She reviewed the PBS Kids Show targeted to 3-8 year olds and some program extends to 10 year olds. The Learning Ecosystem that they use was explained – youth, parents and teachers. Virtual and online resources were reviewed. The PBS Kids website, to include the parent and educator tools were shown to us. The WPBS education page that included resources such as CampTV, SNAP-ED NY, Meet the Helpers, Daily Learn & Home and more were reviewed. The National PBS Learning Media page with New York Boost, Support for High School and College Students, News & Events, Award Winning Series & Collections were shown to us. Celeste shared the Parent/Teacher Resource Survey that can be used to send her a message as to where to locate certain education tools. She then reviewed the GPS for Success 16 Career Clusters. At the end Celeste put in a word for the upcoming writer’s contest.

4) **Program updates**

Christopher Yarnall, CCE Jefferson shared information on the upcoming Healthy Teen program, 4-H is supporting the YMCA with programming at JCC and soon a 3D design and laser engraver program will be starting.

Cori Leshner, CAPC shared that they have done major updates to their website, especially the parent education area for the childcare resource and referral section. They have been working on a coordinated effort to put information on improving community health out to the community. CAPC has a training available to the community called N.E.A. R. Science (Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adverse Childhood Experiences, Resilience) – the training focuses on addressing the crisis of Adverse Childhood Experiences and the long-term impact on public health. Please contact Cori if interested in a presentation.

The Q Center continues to offer virtual program on a regular basis. They are planning a Youth Summit for youth ages 13-21 for April 5-9, 2021. Currently they are looking for presenters.

Sabrina DeRue shared that 4-H Camp Wabasso hopes to open camp registration by 2/1/21. It was also shared that we have funding for several military camps for the 2021 camp season; those will be ready to be advertised by 2/1/21.

Steve Karon from the Sci-Tech shared that they are open on Saturdays from 10am-3pm. Entry is free and they moved 3 exhibits to the front part of the building for this. They are also offering periodic virtual programming and online lectures.

Tricia Gay from Head Start shared that they are operating in person. Remote is an option. They kept their numbers lower to meet requirements. Applications for next year are being accepted. Youth qualify based on income. They will take applications by phone.

Access VR is not receiving referrals as they use to. They are available to provide presentations if anyone is interested.

Kathryn Ripstein, CCE Jefferson, shared that the Community Energy Engagement Program can help families struggling to pay heat bills. Kathryn shared on the youth development side she is going to offer another round of Paint & Sip programs soon.

5) Other – Kathryn Ripstein will share a Community Energy Engagement Program presentation for March. It was asked that we have Steve Jennings present again in March.

6) 2021 Meeting date remaining –

March 8, 2021

May 10, 2021

September 13, 2021

November 8, 2021

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Graf