

**Youth Services Network Meeting**  
**March 14, 2022 9:15am – 10:25am**  
**Notes/Minutes**

- 1) **Introductions/Welcome** – everyone was welcomed to the meeting. We did not do introductions as this can be challenging with zoom. An opportunity to introduce ourselves can take place during the program updates.

Stephanie Graf, Joe Wargo, Kristina Tooley, Anne Garno, Diane Zikowitz, Sonny Valchez, Nicole Sheltz, Michelle Martin, Elizabeth Zeigler, Steve Karon, Kathy Joyce, Kelli Liscum, Megan Badour, Tammie Nabywaniec, Kylie Schell, Lisa Hall, Melissa Shova, Trish Gay, Morgan Greenwood.

- 2) **Review January 10, 2022 minutes** – no changes were suggested.

- 3) **Guest presenters** –

Lisa Hall from the Glenmont Job Corps – The Glenmont Center is located near Albany, NY. There are a total of 123 centers across the country. They are broken down by region. The Glenmont Center is in the Boston, MA region. The centers aim to attract young adults and to work with them to be employable and self-sufficient. The ages served are 16-24. Students may not have any pending or outstanding legal issues to participate in the programs. They must be U.S. citizens or have lawful documents to be here in the U.S. They must be income eligible, in this program this is under the federal poverty guidelines. Not all centers provide the same services. Students will be sent to the center nearest to them but can go to other centers if the service they need isn't offered. Services include things such as – obtaining high school diploma or GED and a large variety of career technical trainings and certifications. The centers are federally funded and drug free. No smoking and no use of marijuana (not even for medical purposes).

There are four phases to the program – 1) Outreach and admissions; 2) Preparation period; 3) Career development; and 4) Career transition. It is an 8-week residential program. The centers provide medical, dental and limited mental health services on site. There are a variety of student activities on the campus. There is a virtual open house on March 17, 2022 at 1pm.

Morgan Greenwood from Planned Parenthood of the North Country, Inc. (and Nicole Sheltz) – Morgan and Nicole are located in the Paddock Arcade location and their titles are Community Engagement Coordinator and Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coordinator (CAPP) respectively. They reviewed the mission statement and then began with a video called “Jamie’s Story”. This was a story from one of their clients explaining the services and the difference the program made in her life and in the lives of her family members.

There are 7 centers located in Lewis, Jefferson, St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton and Essex Counties. Two in Watertown, Lowville, Ogdensburg, Plattsburgh, Malone and Saranac Lake. Not all locations provide the same services, but if you go to ppncny.org you can locate what services are offered at each center, hours of operation and to schedule an appointment. All locations

provide birth control, primary care visits, cancer screening, mammograms, std, hiv and pregnancy testing, and well person exams. Other services offered are abortion, sexual assault exams and gender affirming hormone therapy. You may call to schedule an appointment; walk-ins are welcome, and you can schedule online. No one is turned away and most insurances are accepted. They do provide community education and engagement. CAPP is an education program providing a variety of programming to adolescents. They are always looking for volunteers to cover tabling events, to be clinic escorts, lobbying efforts, letter writing campaigns, cover engagement events, share their story and make safer sex kits.

- 4) **Program updates** – Melissa Shova shared that the Teen Center is open Monday – Fridays from 2:30-8pm.

Steve Karon from the Sci-Tech shared they have reopened everything (with the exception of the young children’s room. The fee to use the Sci-Tech is \$3 pp.

Anne Garno from NCPPC shared that they are distributing a professional development survey, please complete if you can. She also shared that insurance is automatically renewed for those under 65 on Medicaid and not disabled until the state of emergency is lifted.

Elizabeth Zeigler is the Clinical Manager at the Children’s Home of Jefferson County for the Therapeutic Crisis Respite Program. This is a 2-week residential program.

Megan Badour – Children’s Home of Jefferson County shared that on 3/23/22 at 6pm there is a virtual foster care information session. They are seeing an increased need for placement for teens. A 10-week foster care training program starts on 3/30/22 from 6-9pm.

- 5) Other – presenter ideas for 2022

- 6) 2022 Meeting dates remaining –

May 9, 2022 Resolution Center

September 12, 2022 Anne Garno, NCPPC – NCPPC services overview with an emphasis on youth programming

November 14, 2022

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Graf