



Youth Services Advisory Board Meeting
September Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Members in Attendance: Susan Ainslie, Pat Buechel, Marnie Kirchgessner, Patty Van de Bogart, Ian Schachner, Christine Montague, Brianna Foster, Kyle Erickson, and Lisa Monroe

Members not in Attendance: Susie Gutenberger-Fitzpatric, Leonardo Vargas Mendez, Erika Crawley, Becky Koenig, Randy Brown (Not Voting), Ruth Merle-Doyle, and Jenn Foote-Dean

Staff: Kate Shanks-Booth, Rick Alvord, and Theresa Albert

Welcome - Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm

Items voted on:

- Meeting Minutes – Could not be voted on
 - June '25
 - July '25
 - September '25

Director's Report: Kate Shanks-Booth

- Tompkins County Legislature has finished Extended Budget Committee meetings, but they can continue to add until they vote on November 18.
- 3% for MYSS and Agencies was included in our dept. budget
- Kate reported that she is part of OCCS's PYD group working to updated Six Touchstone, and still working on the AYR report update
- OCFS is also updating the CSEC curriculum and Kate is part of that group
- GARE Conference was attended by 150 City and County folks on DEI issues
- Charleen Holmes has left her role as CEDO, and it is posted
- RYS OURS in Dryden will have another interview in the coming days
- Youth Service Specialist will be interviewed, and we have 16 applicants
- Kate provided an update on the Open Doors RHY program – Learning Web and Racker

Presentation: CCE's Rural Youth Services Programs – Each provided an overview of their prior year programs and gave insights into upcoming trends

- Shelley Lester – RYS Coordinator
- Athena Steinkraus – RYS Assistant Coordinator
- Taylor Dingman – 4-H Urban Staff

New/Old Business

- Pat Buchel was tasked with touching base and creating a roster for YSB Leadership for 2026 – to be presented at the December 8th YSB meeting.

Adjourn Next meeting:

- December 8, 2025 – Nov/Dec Joint Meeting.

The meeting was called 6:08 pm

Respectfully submitted by Kate Shanks-Booth