



Youth Services Advisory Board Meeting
March Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2022, from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Members in Attendance: Marnie Kirchgessner, Patty Van de Bogart, Ian Schachner, Khaki Wunderlich, Pat Buechel, Lisa Monroe, Mike Allinger, and Kate Kelley-Mackenzie

Members not in Attendance: Leonardo Vargas-Mendez, Tamer Elshourbagy, Randy Brown, Jen Dean Lisa Campbell, and Randy Smith.

Staff: Kate Shanks-Booth, and Meghan Guerra Lyons

Welcome – The meeting started at 5:30 PM

- Patty Welcomed Everyone:
 - Mike Allinger is a new board member from Newfield.
 - Kate Kelley-Mackenzie is from Caroline.
 - Kristen Wells is here as a guest

Items to be voted on:

- Did not have a quorum so we couldn't vote on the minutes.

Director's Report:

- Lisa Holmes has been officially being appointed Tompkins County Administrator
- Free Ryde – March 24th passed the full board of TCAT to begin May 29th. Kate has a meeting with the Superintends of schools on April 1st and will happen to figure out how to roll out the program this summer.
 - Marnie asked if TCAT was going to take the lead on getting information to parents, and Kate said yes. They plan on taking buses out to local schools and other youth-serving organizations and telling them all about the program. As well as information and awareness campaigns will be happening before the schools reopen in the fall of 2022.
- OCFS is trying to decide if they want to change the calendar year from January to December, from September to October. This is very problematic for contracts and reporting, and we will be notified if the change is going to happen soon.
- Lisa said that the Sept. to October was the Federal year and asked if the money was coming down from the feds. Kate said no, but that she felt there was more to the story than what was being said. Lisa said that if Theresa needs help, her department has many different calendar years and they would be happy to help.
- Erie and Tompkins Counties went to NYS Assembly to ask for funds to address childcare needs. Part of this request was data used by the CDC, and Kate has given Bridgette the go-ahead to work with the CDC staff to create a survey that is administered over time in a way that provides consistency and validity to the data. She will keep the Board updated on that.
- Kate also noted that there were 2 applicants for the NYS Gov's Youth Council. Patty, Ian, and Pat said they would like to be judges. Kate said she would forward the applications and let them rank them.

- Kate reported that the CCHY Golf Tournament, along with Friends of Newman Golf Course, would be happening in June again this year. Khaki asked what the purpose was, and what is the money used for. Kate provided a brief history of the CCHY and what the funds have gone for historically.
- Kate did provide an update from Mike Ellis on Open Doors and the hiring process and has suggested that due to difficulties in the labor market F&C will need to post all job openings now and try to fill them in the order of interest and availability of staff, which might be out of order from what they originally would have done.
- Kate asked Meghan to provide an update on the Community Needs Assessments. Meghan spoke about the adult Survey, and how that was tailored by each planning body. She mentioned the use of Photovoice by all the RYS coordinators, and that additional focus groups will help each municipality to garner more youth input into the process.
 - Meghan was asked by Ian if the survey was digging into the content of the youth's consumption of social media.
 - Pat did ask if the survey questions were so different that we wouldn't be able to see trends around the county. Both Kate and Meghan assured her that while there are small differences in questions, they are very similar and will not be comparing apples to oranges.

Discussion: Review of 2022 Board Goals Survey Results

- Patty went through each of the Youth Board Goals, recapped the responses that were provided to the survey, and asked board members in this meeting to comment.
- There were five responses to the survey in total.
- It seems that the action step of bringing in funded agencies was a favored way to inform the board of what is happening in the County.
- Another idea was to standardize a sheet that board members could take at the monthly MYSS Commission/Council meetings, and thus they would feel more comfortable reporting back. Also, the idea of having members of the MYSS Commissions/Councils come in and talk to the Youth Advisory Board.
- Meghan provided an update on the Facebook group that she has started to help the Commissions/Councils connect. Khaki asked if the intent was to be a private membership where they would have honest conversations. Meghan said that because it was a County lead page, she had to monitor it. The idea was that if a Board member does join it, they need to make sure that they can be active.

Discussion: Review of By-Laws

- Each Board member was sent a copy of an email that Lisa Monroe received from Cathy Covert a few years ago regarding quorum.
- Patty read through that and explained why this is such a huge issue for us, and every other Advisory board in the county.
- Khaki said she got another answer, a week prior that was concerning that question. Lisa asked her what she was told?
- Holly Mosher – said that the definition of quorum was fine, as it. The key is to be consistent in how the board determines and defines it.
- Lisa M. asked Kate to follow up with that email and show Holly because it seems like there is some confusion. Kate asked Khaki to send the email to her, so she could follow up and make sure that there was no misunderstanding.
- Lisa said that they think that Lisa said, was that we needed to look at the number of people on the board. Khaki said that the number of members is not set by anyone but the board.
- Again, Kate said she would follow up and see what she could find.

New Membership Board Orientation

- Patty and Kate walked the new Board members through the PowerPoint Slides provided in Advance for orientation.
- Patty took the Board Section
- Kate took the Dept. Section

Adjourn Next meeting:

- April 25, 2022, at 5:00 PM via Zoom

The meeting was called at 5:37 PM

Respectfully submitted by Kate Shanks-Booth