

**INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION  
COUNTY TEAM MEETING - Minutes  
Youth & Government Day**

**Hosted By**

**Mary Pat Smith, Assistant to the County Executive  
County Executive's Conference Room  
Orange County Government Center  
Goshen, NY 10924  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Friday – April 5, 2019**

**In Attendance:**

Robert Conflitti, Mary Dumas, Inaudy Esposito, Bob Deitrich for Irina Gelman, William Hecht, Karyn Meier, Darcie Miller, Brian Monahan, Frank Sheboy, MaryPat Smith, Kerri Stroka, Angela Turk, Rachel Wilson.

- ***Review and approval of minutes from the January 4, 2019 meeting***

A motion was made by Robert Conflitti seconded by Frank Sheboy to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

**1) Youth/School – Initiatives/Needs**

(Youth Bureau, Schools, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice)

**1. Youth and Family Services Directory**

**R. Wilson** – New directories available. Passed around. There are many more, if you need any more, we can provide them. Thank you to Social Services for printing costs reasonable. Section in the back for job readiness that is new this year providing resources to our youth. Also added the community foundation who offer many scholarships.

**2. 2020 Census: Orange County Complete Count Committee**

**R. Wilson** – Youth Bureau partnering with Ramapo Catskill Library System as well as planning dept in the County and the County Exec. to create a committee/work group that will work to ensure the census is done accurately. It impacts the funding to the Youth Bureau. Trying to find the communities that are not counted well and focus on those areas. The committee will be county focused and providing support to those communities that need it.

**R. Conflitti** – Concerned that it could be a significant difference.

**I. Esposito** – This committee is very important because it will dispel the myths regarding the census so that those community members that may be fearful of completing it.

**B. Dietrich** – 30% of the people did not participate in the census.

**F. Sheboy** – Shared with the students that the census is used to determine the number of congressional seats.

**M.P. Smith** – Heard that the census count in Newburgh (response rate) is 57%.

### 3. Youth Workforce Preparation Committee updates

#### a. Summer Youth Government Immersion Programs

**R. Wilson** – It is like an internship...but it is not. You will receive more information in the lunch meeting today. If any of the departments in the room are interested in participating please let the YB know.

#### b. Emerging Leaders Conference planning

**R. Wilson**– First conference in November. Held at the YMCA in Huguenot. 6 or 7 schools attended. Workshops on presenting your best self as well as mock interviews. Working collaboratively with BOCES and the IDA -The Accelerator to offer again next November.

#### c. Work Readiness grant through Friends of the Orange County Youth Bureau

**R. Wilson** – From the IDA – The Accelerator. 16 students are currently taking a babysitting readiness as one of the programs with this grant. Highland Falls Girl Scout troop that has been asking so they are working on adding that. There will be 4 sites in total for this component. The Ramapo Catskill Library System is also providing work readiness 7 session workshops in Washingtonville, Chester, Cornwall, and Marlboro School Districts.

**R. Conflitti** – The uncommon athlete is back next week Minisink and Highland Falls are hosting it. For the first time we are inviting the Middle School. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending in Minisink who are athletes. Highland Falls was invited to bring the 6<sup>th</sup> graders as well.

**B. Hecht** – Civic Readiness...he represents the Commissioner on this task force. What is civic readiness and how do students demonstrate it? They are looking to do something similar to this Youth in Government Day. They will make a recommendation to the Commissioner and the Board of Regents in September.

**F. Sheboy** – There is a huge push on addressing ACES, adverse childhood experiences. It is a major topic for education and mental health etc. May 9<sup>th</sup> there is a symposium. Thank Darcie for leading it in the County. We seem to be ahead of the curve.

**Darcie M.** – Was at the National Conference last week. Spoke of how ACES impacts your life. As a County we partnered with Cornell Cooperative to create Trauma Informed Environments. Spoke to the importance of building relationships and those connections make the difference in the lives of children. We have 380-400 children in foster care who are very vulnerable. Movie Resilience: So powerful.

**K. Meier** - Spoke about the importance of providing another avenue of awareness through a forum/education session with the Orange County Board Members.

**I. Esposito** – Tough Topics: ask for schools to let us in to teach teachers how to teach tough topics to the students or to engage in conversations that are challenging.

**R. Conflitti:** Mock Trial is upcoming on Saturday at Orange-Ulster BOCES. Bob shared his thoughts on who should not win 😊

## 2) Social/Medical/Psychological – Initiatives/Needs

(Health Department, Mental Health, Social Services, Orange County Agencies)

**Darcie M.** – Honor who runs the runaway youth center. They were asked to move out of their building by May 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be moving in to a new building on the grounds. Assemblywoman A. Gunther facilitated this happening advocating to move this to a solution on behalf of Honor. Orange County Crisis Call Center: We have made a commitment to redesign

our services. We are looking to expand to include all behavior health (substance abuse issues as well as Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities). We have co located our call center with our 911 center. 911 will collaborate with the Crisis Call Center for a coordinated response. Health Department has received funding that they have put in to support the call center as well. Receiving approx. \$2M from a collaborative effort with Columbia University and Montefiore that will be put into the community as well as hire a coordinator and epidemiologist. Focused on reducing the opioid overdose by 40%. Discussion ensued on opioid crisis in Orange County. Darcie is looking to form a group to determine why our adolescents are not accessing our drug treatment resources since we know there is still use, abuse and addiction. If any of the youth or schools would like to participate should reach out to Darcie Miller. How can we as systems help parents?

Child Advocacy Center: We are one of 6 in the State that don't have a building for this. We have applied to the State for funding. It would be a comprehensive team with mental health, law enforcement, legal and medical. Awaiting to see if the funding will be awarded.

**B. Monahan & F. Sheboy** – Talked about how many presentations they have facilitated and how many seats were empty.

**F. Sheboy** – Shared that he will be opening an Alateen program to provide supports at the HF school district.

**M.P. Smith** – What about Ben Noell providing pieces of information through his avenue. Since he is so relevant to them it would be a great way to share information.

**K. Stroka** – Shared that the RESTART program is at risk due to the lack of enrollment. She indicated that is clear that there is still a need, however, they are not enrolling.

**A. Turk** – Access Supports for Living are opening Urgent Care Centers May 1<sup>st</sup> in Middletown and Newburgh (federally funded model and it is a pilot). They will be open 7 days a week. Anyone who has any need can walk in to these centers and an initial assessment will be done and care for the presenting condition and then they will be connected to care. Same day medication assisted treatment will also be provided.

### **3) Community/Family – Initiatives/Needs**

(Welcome Orange, Economic Security, Voices United for Change, Mental Health)

**R. Conflitti** – Legalization of marijuana (D. Miller posed question). It will soon be part of the law to allow recreational use. Discussion ensued with student government representatives.

**M. Dumas** – May 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Mental Health Awareness Walk. Proceeds support Voices United for Change

**A. Turk** – Welcome Orange is included in the booklet provided by the Youth Bureau. On September 11<sup>th</sup> there will be another Welcome Orange orientation. Will focus on how to work with people with complexity. Will be at the Emergency Services Center. On May 14<sup>th</sup> “No Such thing as a Bad Kid”...the Mental Health Conference.

### **4) Future Agenda Items:**

## **5) Upcoming Events – Sharing**

Inaudy Esposito shared flyer on a conference held on April 30<sup>th</sup> called A Conference on Sex Trafficking exploitation, coercion, and slavery.

Bob Deitrich: Last day of National Public Health Week. Fight the bite day...focusing on Lyme disease. Take precautions and protect yourself. Also, today is climate change day.

Rachel: June 6<sup>th</sup>, Youth Bureau Awards Luncheon. A little under 90 award winners.

A. Turk: April 24<sup>th</sup> with Monroe Woodbury for a presentation of the film More Than Sad. Offered to any school district.

### **Important numbers to be available to communities**

1-800-832-1200 Call Center

1-888-750-2266 Mobile Mental Health (now rolls in to the call center)

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

**“The Orange County Interagency Collaboration Team is a forum for family representatives, program leaders, and policy level administrators from local schools, courts, and governments to work together, maintain communication and linkages, and promote a creative, effective and efficient community services system which supports children and their families.”**

**Next Meeting**

**May 3, 2019**

**Hosted By**

**Frank Sheboy, Superintendent of Schools**

**Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery School District**

**James I. O’Neill High School**

**21 Morgan Road**

**Highland Falls, NY 10928**