

**INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION
COUNTY TEAM MEETING
Hosted by
William Hecht, District Superintendent/CEO
Orange-Ulster BOCES
Administration Conference Room
53 Gibson Road
Goshen, NY 10924
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Friday – September 9, 2016**

In Attendance:

Thomas Bongiovi, Robert Conflitti, Tiffany Gagliano, William Hecht, Myrna Kemnitz, Darcie Miller, Derek Miller, Terry Reynolds, Frank Sheboy, Dottie Slattery, Kerri Stroka, Angela Turk, Rachel Wilson.

- ***Review and approval of minutes from the June 10, 2016 meeting***

Discussion ensued regarding two revisions to the minutes on Item #3 and Item #7.

A motion was made by Robert Conflitti seconded by Dr. Frank Sheboy to approve the minutes with the revisions. The motion was unanimously carried.

William Hecht opened the County Team meeting and welcomed everyone. He introduced Sharleen Depew his Executive Assistant and that she would be the new Secretary for the County Team. Bill Hecht reported that he has begun the process in looking for two student representatives.

1. JUVENILE JUSTICE

Derek M. – Reported on the focus of ensuring the children can meet the educational standards.

Reported on the opium addiction at a young age – there is a need to begin educating the parents. Group discussion ensued regarding the dangers of drugs, alternative school suspensions, trafficking issues, sexual assaults, importance of involving the police.

2. EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

Port Jervis TASC Program – Tom Bongiovi

Tom B. – Reported on a new pilot program – TASC Program at Port Jervis (former GED). Port Jervis hired an attendance officer to help find the students in need.

Building Connections – Bill Hecht

Bill H. – Handed out the BOCES Building Connection. BOCES can help municipalities digitalize records. Terry R. reported on the Mandarin Chinese program at BOCES. Kerri S. reported on the Newcomers Program (students new to the country).

Frank S. – Reported on having courageous conversations regarding race and culture that may impact the children. Highland Falls has a vacant building and would like to keep community services within the Highland Falls community.

3. SOCIAL/MEDICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL

Darcie M. – Reported that it is Suicide Prevention Month – passed out a flyer (Walk to Fight Suicide). Angela T. – Reported on the need for committee members for the Orange County Suicide Prevention Committee.

4. COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Bill H. – Passed around the Orange County Interagency Collaboration Team Calendar – still need hosts for a few dates.

Robert C. – Reported on the Uncommon Athletic (Rachel’s Challenge) program - Five Districts will be participating.

Rachel W. – Reported on Safe Schools Programs and that they are looking for Safe School Ambassadors.

Children & Family Services Plan – Rachel Wilson

Rachel W. - Provided a handout to collect data to be used for the Community Convening. The data will be used for a five year plan. The group collectively provided data.

Rachel W. – Reported on the upcoming NYS Youth Bureau Conference.

5. FAMILY and YOUTH FOCUS

Angela T. – Reported on the Parent University and Family Summit to be held October 15th.

Kerri S. – Reported that it’s possible she will be attending the training class TCI for families in crisis.

Rachel W. – Reported on the Summer Youth Internship.

6. WELCOME ORANGE

Angela T. – Countywide Orientation will be in the fall.

Darcie M. – Reported that Welcome Orange is spreading.

7. ECONOMIC SECURITY

Darcie M. – Heat season being prepared for opening on November 14th. Cash Assistance Program is less and less each year. There are challenges for those left on the service.

Rachel W. – Reported on the ACE Mentoring Program throughout the Hudson Valley.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

9. OTHER

- Don’t FORGET Website Access – www.ouboces.org. Click on Links; click on Orange County Interagency Collaboration Team for updates.

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 government to work together, maintains communication and linkages, and promotes a creative, effective and efficient community services system which supports children and their families.”

Next Meeting

October 14, 2016

Hosted by

Thomas Bongiovi, Superintendent of Schools

Port Jervis City School District HS Library

10 Route 209

Port Jervis, NY 12771