

**INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION  
COUNTY TEAM MEETING  
Minutes  
Hosted by  
William Hecht, Chief Operating Officer  
Via Google Meet  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Friday – October 2, 2020**

**In Attendance:**

Robert Conflitti, Mary Dumas, William Hecht, Karyn Meier, Darcie Miller, Brian Monahan, Pedro Roman, Terry Reynolds, Frank Sheboy, MaryPat Smith, Kerri Stroka, Angela Turk, Rachel Wilson.

- ***Review and approval of minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting***

A motion was made by Robert Conflitti seconded by Kerri Stroka to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Hecht welcomed everyone back. He provided a brief summary about bringing the students back.

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

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

**B. Hecht** – Shared that our CTE students are attending in a Hybrid model. Shared that our lead Administrators across the County have been meeting since March collaborating. It's been a challenge feeding children & educating virtually. We are dealing with things on a daily basis we never have before. We are here to protect our children.

Across the State Re-opening of Schools:

19-20% - In person

64-65% - Hybrid

16-17% - Remote

**K. Meier** – Reported briefly on the OCSBA meeting - funding was a big concern.

**P. Roman** – Shared that in-person will begin on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. Special Ed students will be transitioned in. Initially we were unable to make contact with 1200 of our students, now it is down to 200. We are continuing to support our students and families in every way. We have Virtual hubs throughout the district. Great partnerships with the County.

**T. Reynolds** – Shared that the collaboration among the district administrators across Orange County has been amazing. Commended the Superintendents for moving forward on the Educational Equity. BOCES is focusing on professional development on equity. Very robust plan for the year. ADAC Coordinator has been sharing with our schools. Red Ribbon is in October and Monroe-Woodbury is hosting.

**F. Sheboy** – Shared that his district is remote till Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Some of our decision have been difficult. 14% of our children are selecting for remote. Shared that his district provided adversity & equity training for faculty and staff. Thanked the County Executive for his support of our Back Pack Program. We have a scheduled Narcan Training on 10/10.

**K. Stroka** – Shared that our Special Ed children attend 5 days a week in-person. Very important to have our children face to face.

**R. Wilson** – Reported on the County Executive's Award Program which is on the website. The luncheon scheduled for the Spring is under discussion. Youth Bureau Emerging Leader Conference - we still have the grant and will be working to create a virtual conference or videos to use in the classroom. Partnering with Ramapo Catskill Library - for resume writing and the

different jobs that are available. Will be reaching out to schools for emergency responders - our goal is a one stop shopping. (Anyone who is interested). Schools partner with different agencies (some non-profits are closing). Funding is hurting all of our programs, the state is withholding 20%.

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

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

**Darcie M.** – Reported on Welcome Orange - statistically Mental Health is up; many concerns for the wellness of people. We all are part of the miracles. Incredible amount of work done by the schools to continue to feed our families during the pandemic. The strength across our community is amazing. Spoke about the Program “Think Differently”. The Orange County Crisis Line is 311. Text for Teen Line. Child Abuse calls went up - provided a campaign to assist. The wellness and safety of our children is our priority. SNAP is still available. Housing stability program - due to eviction when the moratorium is over. Homelessness will increase.

**A. Turk** – Will be sending some flyers to share - having eyes on the kids is so important. Many services are still virtual; we are starting to see families in person. Spoke about Suicide Prevention - virtual training is available.

**R. Wilson** – Reported on the use of Text for Teens to reach out to the students.

## 3) Community/Family – Initiatives/Needs

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

**B. Hecht** – We are in constant contact with the Health Department. We follow all the guidelines and we should not be in the same situation as last March. We are doing our best to protect our bubble.

**F. Sheboy** – The magic number of a 9% infection rate for the region will determine the closing of our schools according to the Governor.

**MP. Smith** – I will extend the appreciation to the County Executive and he appreciates and supports all of you. (School Districts & County). The County Executive’s Budget Presentation is on the website.

**K. Stroka** – Reported on the contact tracing sheets we use in our buildings and how this helps Dr. Gelman to determine whether to close or isolate.

## 4) Future Agenda Items:

County Team Meeting Schedule 2020-2021 to be share with the team.

## 5) Upcoming Events /Sharing:

### Links shared at today’s meeting via google chat:

Virtual County Executive's Awards:

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/1833/County-Executive-Youth-Adult-Awards>

Think Differently Orange County's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ThinkDifferentlyOrangeCountyNY/>

Choose Love Movement

<https://www.chooselovemovement.org>

Coping Recourses

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/1954/Coping-Through-COVID-19>

County Exec's Budget presentation

<https://www.facebook.com/StevenMNeuhaus/>

## **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**

**November 6, 2020**

**Hosted By**

**William J. Hecht, Chief Operating Officer**

**Orange-Ulster BOCES**

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