

**INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION  
COUNTY TEAM MEETING  
Hosted by  
William J. Hecht, Chief Operating Officer  
Via Google Meet  
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Friday – November 6, 2020  
Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Robert Conflitti, Mary Dumas, Inaudy Esposito, Karyn Meier, Darcie Miller, Brian Monahan, Pedro Roman, Terry Reynolds, Angela Turk, Kimberly Vanhaaster, Rachel Wilson.

Terry Reynolds shared that Mr. Hecht is in the Newburgh City School District today meeting with the Commissioner and Regent Wills. Pedro Roman shared some information related to the visit.

- ***Review and approval of minutes from the October 2, 2020 meeting***

A motion was made by Brian Monahan seconded by Pedro Roman to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

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

**R. Conflitti** – Shared that the Court System is working reasonably well from where we are.

**K. Meier** – Provided an update on OCSBA - related to substance use and abuse.

**B. Monahan** – Provided information about his district and the surrounding districts being closed. Shared how his district is participating in sports with social distancing. Kudo's to his staff for doing an amazing job.

**P. Roman** – Shared how amazing his teachers and administrators are working during this time.

**T. Reynolds** – Shared that our teachers and administrators are doing an amazing job during these crazy times.

**A. Turk** – Mental Health is up and working in our schools. If school districts are interested in Virtual Mental Health - we have a grant - let Angela know.

**K. Vanhaaster** – Shared information on Juvenile Justice - large number of cases and moving nicely. Court system has changed a lot for us.

**R. Wilson** – Shared information about Safe School Ambassadors and how it's working during these times. Shared information on Friends of Orange County. Waiting on the 2020-21 Awards. In regards to Emergency Responders we are hoping to do awareness in December. The State has starting releasing funding for the Youth Bureau. Working on Virtual Health Fair for the Schools.

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

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

**I. Esposito** – Focusing on hosting virtual programs on antisemitism and hatred. They have been recorded and on the Orange County Government website.

**Darcie M.** – Reported on Project Hope focused on COVID (Virtual and In-Person Work) - for Schools & the Community will be available 24/7 - supporting teachers, students, and loss of parent through COVID.

**A. Turk** – Mental Health was awarded a grant for - Project Hope.

**K. Vanhaaster** – DSS is our client and they are exceptional. The work that is going on behind the scenes is incredible. Case workers have gone above and beyond.

**R. Wilson** – Gave an update on Think Differently.

## 3) Community/Family – Initiatives/Needs

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

**R. Conflitti** – Shared that the Child Advocacy Center is very important.

**M. Dumas** – Voices United for Change - Planning the Annual Walk in May.

**Darcie M.** – Provided an update on the Child Advocacy Center.

**A. Turk** – Children’s Sub Committee for Welcome Orange - organizing a virtual provider’s event for children’s advisors.

**K. Vanhaaster** – Reported on the Child Advocacy Center. The tour will be next week by the State to see if we are ready.

**R. Wilson** – Reported on the self-response rate for the Orange County 2020 Census.

## 4) Future Agenda Items:

Youth & Government Day - In-Person or Virtual  
Possible Zoom Meeting Next Time.

## 5) Upcoming Events - Sharing

### 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**

**January 8, 2021**

**Hosted By**

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

**Orange-Ulster BOCES**

**Via Google Meet**

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