

**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 – April 9, 2021  
Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Robert Conflitti, William Hecht, Brian Monahan, Kimberly Vanhaaster, Tiffany Niles, Angela Turk.

- ***Review and approval of minutes from the March 5, 2021 meeting***

A motion was made by R. Conflitti seconded K. Vanhaaster by to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

- ***2021/2022 Meeting Calendar***

The meeting schedule was reviewed and approved.

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

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

**R. Conflitti** – Spoke about the new law legalizing marijuana in New York State and the negative impact it will have on our communities and our schools.

Discussion ensued and the team members agreed that this should be a focus for County Team in the coming school year. It was proposed that we:

- \* Review policies/procedures surrounding this new law
- \* Focus on Prevention, Awareness and Education.

The concern is easier access for minors.

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

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

Discussion ensued regarding the social and emotional needs as a result of the Pandemic.

**A. Turk** – Spoke about making this a priority as many students who have been isolated return to in person instruction. We will need to provide more support to our students, schools and communities.

**B. Hecht** – Shared with the team that Darcie and Angela will attend the next Superintendent's meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to review the social, emotional and mental health resources that are available.

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

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

**4) Future Agenda Items:**

**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**

**October 1, 2021**

**Hosted By**

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

**Orange-Ulster BOCES**

**Location: TBD (Virtual or In-Person)**

**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**