

**INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION
COUNTY TEAM MEETING
Hosted by
MaryPat Smith
Youth In Government Day
Orange County Government Center
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Friday – April 8, 2022
Minutes**

In Attendance:

Brendan Chapman, Tim Davidian, Inaudy Esposito, William Hecht, Darcie Miller, Steve Neuhaus, Dr. Frank Sheboy, MaryPat Smith, Kerri Stroka, Angela Turk, Kimberly Vanhaaster, Rachel Wilson.
6 Students Attended on behave of Youth in Government Day.

- ***Review and approval of minutes from the February 4, 2022 meeting***

A motion was made by MaryPat Smith seconded by Frank Sheboy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

Via Zoom - County Executive Steve Neuhaus addressed the group from his location in Europe and National Guard deployment to assist with efforts related to the war in Ukraine. He provided an overview of his responsibilities and the work that is being done.

Youth/School – Initiatives/Needs

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

Discussion ensued regarding the Special Student Session of the OC Legislature related to the Social Host Law and adding language that would include drugs and marijuana. The current law just speaks to alcohol and parties.

Social/Medical/Psychological – Initiatives/Needs

Discussion ensued regarding drug use by students and recent overdoses in Orange County high schools. It is believed that students use drugs due to the following: stress, anxiety, coping mechanisms, mental health issues, self-medication and as part of their socialization.

As part of the mental health discussion the point of adults and students needing a mental health day to deal with all the stress they are under. A motion was made to make a request to the State Education Department to consider mental health as an excused absence from school. County Team will draft a letter to SED for review at our May meeting.

Rachel Wilson briefed the group on the Summer Youth Program.

Darcie Miller introduced Brendan Chapman to the Team as the student representative.

Community/Family – Initiatives/Needs

MaryPat Smith spoke about Think Differently Day - which encourages everyone to think about those individuals who may be different. It encourages people to be more inclusive. She highlighted the movie Peanut Butter Falcon which promotes a more open, inclusive, accepting environment.

Discussion ensued on the option of holding meetings next school year with a remote option to allow for more participation. It was also suggested that we allow for all virtual. We will discuss further at our May meeting.

A motion was made to add a Virtual Meeting on May 6 at 9:30am. We will use a Zoom Platform created by OUBOCES.

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 6, 2022

Hosted By

William J. Hecht, Chief Operating Officer

Via Zoom Meeting

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.