

**INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION
COUNTY TEAM MEETING**

Hosted by

Darcie Miller, Commissioner
Orange County Department of Social Services & Mental Health

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Friday – October 6, 2023

Minutes

In Attendance:

Tim Davidian, Sarah Hadden, Deborah McBride Heppes, Jackie Lawler, Michael McElduff, Karyn Meier, Darcie Miller, Brian Monahan, MaryPat Smith, Angela Turk, Kimberly Vanhaaster, Rachel Wilson.

• ***Review and approval of minutes from the April 14, 2023 meeting***

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

Youth/School – Initiatives/Needs

D. Heppes – Student Reps are in the works looking for a junior and a senior to represent.

B. Monahan – Students are adapting better this year.

S. Hadden – Increase in food insecurities and home/rent issues.

B. Monahan – All Minisink students now eat free.

D. Miller – Provided details on the County's efforts to assist with keeping supply in Food Pantries. Economic instability has increased. DSS is receiving many applications for SNAP. Temporary housing has increased to 498 due to evictions.

Please advise D. Miller if you have a family that is at risk of eviction so that all efforts can be made to try to stabilize their housing. HEAP season will be starting soon.

Discussion ensued regarding Code Blue Season and the locations of shelters in Middletown and Newburgh.

M. McElduff – Shared information regarding the flooding and the impact on the community.

Students are experiencing more bullying. Drug issues in our community. Highland Falls has been working with ADAC to promote prevention. ADAC was present to provide information at the HF open houses.

Discussion ensued regarding many employees retiring after COVID.

D. Miller – Discussion regarding the Farmingdale Bus Incident and the amazing response from Orange County including Schools, School CIISM Teams, Law Enforcement, SUNY Orange, First responders, etc.

K. Meier – Provided information regarding Youth Court.

Discussion ensued regarding how this could work in our County.

R. Wilson – 5 trainings coming up for Safe School Ambassadors at Cornwall High School, SS Seward Grades 6-8, SS Seward Grades 9-12, James I. O'Neill High School, Washingtonville High School Adopt-a-family for the holidays has begun. Discussion ensued regarding the positive impact on morale for those who assist with this project.

Youth Bureau will assist with getting youth and young adults (ages 14-21) trained in CPR/First Aid on December 28th. It is also working with Employment & Training to explore funding for Life Guard Training.

T. Davidian & K. Vanhaaster – provided an update on Juvenile Justice. Discussion ensued regarding raise the lower age.

Social/Medical/Psychological – Initiatives/Needs

J. Lawler – Provided information on OC Health Summit, OC Healthy Hour Pod Cast, the need for Healthcare Providers to provide immunizations. Discussion on sociological distress.

Community Family – Initiatives/Needs

A. Turk – If anyone is having difficulty connecting to mental health services – contact me 845-291-2610.

Wednesday, November 29th – Jeanne E. Jonas Professional Development Symposium. See attached save the date and nomination form.

The second Request for Application’s for Opioid Settlement funding will be coming out soon. Applications will be accepted for Prevention programs, Improving Access to Care, and Recovery Housing programs. Look for this application on the Orange County General Services webpage: <https://www.orangecountygov.com/577/General-Services>

R. Wilson – Thanked BOCES on behalf of the success of her son.

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
December 1, 2023**

**Hosted By
Deborah McBride Heppes, Chief Operating Officer
Onken Conference Center
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**