

**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 – October 1, 2021

Minutes

In Attendance:

Robert Conflitti, Inaudy Esposito, Dr. Irina Gelman, William Hecht, Darcie Miller, Brian Monahan, Dr. Pedro Roman, Dr. Frank Sheboy, MaryPat Smith, Angela Turk, Tiffany Niles.

- ***Review and approval of minutes from the April 9, 2021 meeting***

A motion was made by Mr. Monahan seconded by Dr. Sheboy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

1) Youth/School – Initiatives/Needs

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

Tiffany Niles shared information about the Youth Bureau's upcoming events.

Dr. Roman shared information about keeping kids in schools; Superintendent Hearings are up; kids are struggling trying to close the gap; attentive to the needs of our staff. Dr. Sheboy, Mr. Hecht and Mr. Monahan agreed to the same issues. Dr. Sheboy thanked the County for their assistance. Mr. Monahan shared that busing is a huge issue regarding quarantining and the 6ft rule, shared concern regarding the TikTok craze. Mr. Hecht shared concern of the busing issue (not enough drivers). Darcie Miller shared the importance of getting the kids back in the routine of being back at school - structure is key. The social emotional piece is so important. Handle with Care is the School District & Law Enforcement working together. Project Hope is available until December by dialing 311 (24/7). Reach out if anyone needs help with training staff. No child goes without help. MaryPat Smith shared information about Think Differently Initiative - embrace those who are different. Dr. Gelman shared the number of cases across Orange County is about a 100 cases per day. Testing of wastewater for the virus. If the virus status changes to an endemic, discussion ensued what would that mean for the schools (tracking of clusters and outbreaks will be track). Would like the telehealth to continue with the School Districts. Discussion ensued regarding the Federal Funds to help the schools in Orange County. Robert Conflitti shared the uptick on gun violence due to Raise the Age and Bail Reform. Gap in the statute of limitations for a child who reaches 18. Discussion ensued regarding the legalization of marijuana.

2) Social/Medical/Psychological – Initiatives/Needs

3) Community/Family – Initiatives/Needs

Angela Turk shared that they are active in four schools for satellite clinics. More funding for the children who have mental health issues. Angela asked who would be the contact for Connecting the Dots? Inaudy Esposito asked about CRT/DEI. The Superintendents shared what their schools are doing including the Superintendent's Group as a whole. Inaudy shared that she is here to support and come to the schools if needed. Discussion ensued about Students today Teachers Tomorrow Program. Angela Turks shared that an orientation for Welcome Orange will be coming soon.

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

December 3, 2021

Hosted By

**William J. Hecht, Chief Operating Officer
Orange-Ulster BOCES**

Onken Conference Center or Virtual via Google Meet

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.