



## LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

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### Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Minutes of August 16, 2017 meeting

John Exford and or Jacob Hartle -Co-Chairpersons, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The meeting was held at the Lewis County Court House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the Legislative Chambers.

**Present:** John Exford-Co Chairperson, Madeline Lehman-Vice-Chairperson, Scott Mathys, Kristin Moshier--Student Representative- Lowville Academy, Mike Leviker, Deanna Edick,, Karrigen Aubin-Student Representatives-Beaver River, Brian Finn, Elizabeth McGuire-Student Representative South Lewis, **Others Present:** Roscoe Fawcett, Chairperson of the Youth Bureau Legislative Committee, Andrea Moroughan and Greg Kulzer Legislators, Ryan Piche,' County Manager, and Penny Demo, Director. **Excused:** Jacob Hartle-Co-Chairperson and Student Representative-Harrisville; Michele Ledoux, Ward Dailey, Rhonda Vanucchi, and Victoria Boliver-Student Representative Beaver River.

#### Introductions and Welcome

**Minutes:** Review of the July 12, 2017 board meeting minutes. **Scott Mathys moved to accept the minutes as written; Kristin Moshier seconded. Passed.**

#### Correspondence:

A thank you card from Trisomy 21 Foundation of Northern New York – I Can Bike Program was received. The Youth Bureau had allocated \$1,170 in 2017 County Project funds to support registration costs for Lewis County Youth with disabilities to participate in the event. The event was held the week of August 7<sup>th</sup>. Sara Brooker one of the planners for the event, reported that there were 35 participants with 5 of them being from Lewis County. Youth and Adults with disabilities learned how to ride a two-wheeled bike. “It is life changing for the participants and for their families, offering opportunities to be just like everyone else.” Scott reported that he had talked to a few participants and their families who had said that the program was awesome and there was much excitement from participants.

#### Old Business

**Monitoring of 2017 Youth Bureau funded programs – Reminder:** Board members who elected to monitor a 2017 Summer Recreation Program, the monitoring must be completed and turned into Penny by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Those who elected to monitor programs that run year to year, need to be completed by December 31, 2017. **Penny will send a reminder to those who had volunteered to monitor a 2017 program.**

**Amending of the Lewis County Youth Bureau By-Laws:** A Resolution requesting to amend the Youth Bureau By-Laws to reflect Co-Chairpersons vs a Chairperson was submitted and approved by the Lewis County Board of Legislators at their July 5, 2017 Board meeting.

**Student Representatives Vacancies-Reminder:** Per the Youth Bureau By-Laws, we can have up to 2 student representatives from each, Lewis County Public School District. To date, we have one opening for a South Lewis Representative and two openings at Copenhagen Central. John Exford asked Elizabeth McGuire to assist with seeking out interest for another student from South Lewis Central and Brigitte Gillette, Guidance Counselor at Copenhagen Central, will be seeking out interest of students from Copenhagen Central.

### New Business

**2017 Annual “Lewis County Night Out” (LCNO) event:** This annual event is sponsored by the Lewis County Youth Bureau, Lewis County Sheriff’s Office, Lewis County Opportunities, Inc., and the Northern Regional Center for Independent Living, and is scheduled for **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Lewis County Fairgrounds.** The event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and generate support for and participation in local anticrime efforts. Due to the increase of the heroin impact upon our community, during the opening ceremony, we will be recognizing Lewis County Ambulance Teams, who are, often first on scene of crisis situations. There will be demonstrations by local law enforcement agencies including K9 search and apprehension and Jaws of Life to name a few, and there will be over 30 prevention awareness agencies at the event including: Stop DWI – Traveling Exhibit; NRCIL – “Faces of Meth” continuous film display; Lewis County Sheriff’s Office-Fatal Vision Goggle experience; and more. Moose Radio will be broadcasting from the event and the event is FREE, even the food. The Lewis County Night Out Committee has diligently been working on this year’s event. We are, in need of volunteers to assist with the following: Help set up and tear down tables and chairs-**Update: Brian Finn will recruit 5-7 students to assist with setting up for the event on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm;** people to work at the door prize table and announce winners of door prizes-**Madeline Lehman and a couple of her friends have volunteered to work at the door prize table;** and 1 or 2 people to announce various demonstrations throughout the evening. Board members were asked to assist in posting information pertaining to the event, at businesses throughout the county. The Lewis County Night Out Committee will take care of strategically placing “stick in the ground” signs throughout the county. Invite letters and posters have been sent to School Superintendents; Village Mayors; Libraries; Elected Officials including Legislators, Legislative Candidates, County Manager, Assemblyman Blankenbush, Senator Griffio, Town Justices and local Marine Corp League; Lowville Elks Lodge, American Legions; and VFW’s. On August 10<sup>th</sup> Undersheriff Monnat and Journee Allen, recorded radio spots pertaining to LCNO at Flack Broadcasting-Moose Radio. It is anticipated the recording will be aired beginning August 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Request for Assistance with LCNO Items:

- **McGruff the Crime Prevention Dog Mascot:** The costume was new last year and has a built in, fan. The Mascot will be on stage during the opening ceremony and throughout the 2-hour

event, McGruff will shake hands and have picture taken with children. If 2 people would be willing to volunteer to be McGruff, (one could do the 5:30-6:30 hour and the other 6:30-7:30).

- **Decorate 2 Shoe Boxes to be used to put FREE door prize tickets in:** One box for youth and the other for adults. Please decorate with LCNO in mind: example: decorate with K9 dogs; ambulances; police cars, etc. Madeline Lehman and a Friend have offered to work at the raffle table. **Update: Thank you to Madeline Lehman who will decorate the boxes.**
- **Need 5 – 8 people to tear down tables and chairs.**
- **Guide participants to the space that has been reserved for them to set up.**

Please let Penny know if you would like to assist with any of the above.

**Lewis County Planning Department – Taping of WWNYTV Commercial:** The Lewis County Planning Department had reached out to the Youth Bureau, requesting assistance in having a few Youth Bureau Student Representatives in the JCC Connector Route commercial. Thank you to Madeline Lehman-Student Representative from Lowville, and her friends; Reagan Domagala (former Youth Bureau Student Representative), and Kristin Moshier-Student Representative from Lowville Academy, for being actors in the commercial.

**Community Service Opportunity:** Josh Fitzgerald of Lake Effect Tech has requested assistance from the Youth Bureau to hand out Backpack's at the Annual Lake Effect Tech Backpack Drive to be held on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. There are two shifts available to work: 8:30 to 12:00 noon or 12:00 noon to 3:30pm. Last year, they handed out 144 backpacks with school supplies to the general public. This year Lake Effect Tech has 200 backpacks to giveaway. Anyone interested in helping to hand out the backpacks, please contact Penny.

Chairperson Exford, reiterated the importance of having the opportunity to better our community, by volunteering to assist in many capacities. All requests made to the Youth Bureau for assistance in volunteering, student representatives are welcome to invite their friends to volunteer as well.

Scott Mathys reported that the United Way Lewis County Food and School Supply Drive has begun. Food from the drive helps to re-stock Lewis County Food Pantries and the school supplies will be shared and delivered to Lewis County School Districts. The collection date is August 18<sup>th</sup> at Double Play Sports Fitness Center in Lowville.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 4pm at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the Legislative Chambers.**

**Adjournment:** Scott Mathys moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm. Kerrigan Aubin seconded.  
**Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny L. Demo, Director  
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