

## 6/19/23 Youth Bureau Meeting Minutes

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Deanna Edick (ex-Officio)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ramona Carpenter (ex-officio)	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Lisa Virkler (ex-officio)	<input type="checkbox"/>	x			
David Fayle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
John Exford	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Ward Dailey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Mike Leviker	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Brian Finn	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Michele LeDoux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Cinda Bush	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Lisa Rennie <b>Excused</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Emma Leigh Reid <b>Excused</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adah Simpson	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Gavin Tufo	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Brett Vogt	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Aaron Parow	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Hailey Meagher	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Cassie Forbus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Called to order: Meeting began at 11:35 am. No Quorum. 5 members present.

Minutes: no quorum- cannot approve minutes of April 17, 2023 meeting

### Directors Report:

- OCFS feedback – Deanna sent out the feedback report from OCFS, they questioned why programs are not being funded from one year to the next. They are looking for sustainable programs that can document outcomes via data. The report also included a paragraph about how Lewis County uses an equity lens when determining programs to fund, which we will need to keep in mind going forward.

### New/Old Business:

-Member terms: the following member terms are expiring June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023: John Exford, Mike Leviker, Brian Finn, Cinda Bush, Lisa Rennie and Cassie Forbus. Cinda has expressed she does not wish to renew. Mike, Lisa and Cassie wish to continue as board members. No response from John or Brian. Deanna asked John is he wished to continue, he does.

-Motion to remove board members who have not been in attendance per by laws: the board has been struggling meeting quorum and have been advised to reduce the number of board members. Members have been provided the roll call for the last two years of meetings. **No Quorum so no motion can be made.**

-By-laws: per conversations with OCFS, other counties and memorandum from county attorney: review of by laws is needed, how do we proceed?

This issue of quorum continues. Graduating members and those not responding to have their term extended will help with reducing the number of members but other areas of the by-laws will need to be addressed. Deanna mentioned in review of several other county by-laws, they contain clauses that if a board member misses three meetings, they forfeit their membership to deal with attendance issues. Deanna could not find any other county that had a clause that two youth from each school district are members, most other counties have a total of two youth members on the board, there is no mention of per school district, some counties have a requirement that the youth be a recipient of a program funded by the YB. Cassie suggested the idea of sub committees that bring back recommendations to the full board. The issue will be quorum and getting people to attend meetings. Michelle suggested to reduce the number of students and not be specific to any one school district. Deanna advised the group that conversations are occurring with the Commissioner about meeting with the board of legislatures to revamp the by laws and see whether the board of legislature can make changes to the by-laws since this group struggles to meet quorum. David recognized that youth voice is important and maybe in person attendance would be better. Deanna advised that the next meeting will be in person at the DSS building now that renovations are complete.

-state budget included a new Sports Team allocation- it is unknown if we will see this in the allocations for Oct 23'-Sept 24' or if they will be delayed since it is a new funding stream, the initial information is that funding would go to a sports team that has actual competitive games with other teams.

-Graduating members- David, Aaron and Emma all are graduating this month and will end their term on the board.

**Next Meeting: August 21, 2023 11:30 AM at DSS office in Lowville**