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Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Minutes of March 20, 2019

Elizabeth (Libby) McGuire, Co-Chair and Student Representative from South Lewis Central, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The meeting was held at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Legislative Chambers.

Present: Libby McGuire, John Exford-Co-Chairs, Madaline Lehman-Vice-Chairperson and Student Representative Lowville Academy, Kallie Bauter-Student Representative South Lewis, Kirstin Moshier-Student Representative Lowville Academy, Victoria Boliver-Student Representative Beaver River, Mike Leviker, Scott Mathys, Katie Zehr, Ward Dailey, Justine Schmidt and Chloe Benson-Student Representatives Harrisville, and Annabelle Atnip and Kimmy Dolan-Student Representatives Copenhagen Central. **Excused:** Legislator John Lehman, Deanna Edick and Michele Ledoux. **Others Present:** Greg Kulzer and Randy LaChausse-Legislators and Penny Moser, Director Lewis County Youth Bureau. **Guest Present:** Heather Puddington-Student from Beaver River Central School and Sheryl Hutton-Mountain View Prevention Services-Student Assistant at Beaver River and Adirondack Central Schools.

Introductions and Welcome: The board welcomed Heather Puddington, student at Beaver River Central, who is observing today's meeting in an effort to decide if she would like to replace Victoria whose term on the board is slated to end June 30, 2019.

Minutes: Review of the February 20, 2019 Youth Bureau Advisory Board meeting minutes. **Kallie Bauter made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Annabelle Atnip seconded; Motion Carried.**

Old Business

2019 Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Development Funds: At the request of the Youth Bureau at their January 2019 meeting, a press release announcing the availability of up to \$14,000 in 2019 OCFS YDF was issued on January 18th to the Journal & Republican, Linking Lewis County and was on the Youth Bureau website. The release advised that the Youth Bureau was seeking applicants interested in offering program opportunities for youth under the age of 21 that are designed to prevent juvenile delinquency through positive youth development. Programs must include a component of preventive education and or drug prevention awareness. These funds are intended to be used for youth most likely to become involved in the criminal justice system. **The deadline for submitting proposals was March 15, 2019.** **Ad Hoc Committee:** An Ad Hoc Committee made up of John Exford, Libby McGuire and Scott Mathys was formed to review 2019 OCFS-YDF applications as they come in, in an effort, to make sure applications met the criteria as outlined in the press release. A total of four (4) applications were received with (3) of the applications meeting the criteria.

On March 15, 2019, the Youth Bureau along with Legislators Greg Kulzer and John Lehman, and Ryan Piche-County Manager received and email along with attachments: March Meeting Agenda; Summary of Applications; and a copy of each application to include: Lowville Village Police Department-Youth Aid Officer Program and Safe Child ID Program; Lewis County Sheriff's Office-Juvenile Aid Officer Program;

and Mountain View Prevention Services-Youth Advocate Program. * The Youth Bureau membership was asked to review each application and come to today's meeting prepared to ask questions they may have of the applicants.

Reminder: *Per the Youth Bureau By-Laws, the inability to provide a verbal presentation will not exclude applicants from consideration.*

Applications Received/Questions/Answers:

Lowville Police Department-Youth Aid Officer Program & Safe Child ID Program: Penny advised that Chief Randy Roggie was unable to attend today's meeting due to the Village Board Meeting: The Lowville Police Department is requesting funds to support the training of an officer to be a NYS Certified Basic Youth Aid Officer. This Officer will interact with youth that have interactions with the police department and will provide guidance for troubled youth coming in contact with law enforcement from interviews through arrest. The Youth Aid Officer will assist other officers in an effort to have a stronger Police presence at Lowville Academy. Officers walk through the school as time permits interacting with the youth. The Youth Aid Officer will also conduct and supervise the administration of issuing free "Safe Child" Identification cards as a public function and upon the request of individual youth groups. The identification cards assist in providing for the physical safety for children should they become lost, abducted or runaway child by aiding in the safe return of the child. **The Lowville Police Department are requesting \$6,000 to support the cost of training an officer to be a NYS Certified Basic Youth Aid Officer (Basic Training Wages; and to support wages for officer to be on site at Lowville Academy periodically).**

Lewis County Sheriff's Office-Juvenile Aid Officer Program: Sgt. Eric Schmitt, and Sheriff Carpinelli were both invited to attend today's meeting, however neither one, were in attendance. Therefore, Penny advised that the Lewis County Sheriff's Office-Juvenile Aid Officer Program has grown over the years. The program is available throughout the whole county and includes 2 School Resource Officer's in South Lewis and Harrisville Central Schools. The program is designed to education youth throughout the county about drug education and making good decisions. Officer's in the program focus on building relationships with the children so it is easier for the children to approach the officer with questions and problems. **The Lewis County Sheriff's Office are requesting \$3,000 to support the Juvenile Aid Officer Program.**

Mountain View Prevention Services-Youth Advocate Program: Sheryl Hutton, MVPS Student Assistant, advised that the Youth Advocate Program works with students in the Beaver River, Adirondack, Harrisville, and Lowville Academy school districts. Youth Advocates take a pro-active approach in working with kindergarten through grade 12. The program provides counseling for youth dealing with problems at home, separated or divorced parent issues, academic struggles, peer problems, dating relationship troubles, grief issues or communication difficulties. Children benefitting from this program may present behavioral problems or they may simply be feeling stressed/overwhelmed with something in their life and have a need to talk to someone who can help in sorting things out. The Youth Advocate meets with students individually or in groups depending on the need or issue to be resolved. **MVPS is requesting \$10,000 to support the Youth Advocate Program.**

After discussion Kimmy Dolan moved to award the 2019 OCFS Youth Development Funds in the total of \$14,000 as follows: **Lowville Police Department \$4,000; Lewis County Sheriff's Office \$3,000; and Mountain View Prevention Services-Youth Advocate Program \$7,000.** Victoria Boliver seconded. **Passed.** Abstained: Mike Leviker.

Youth Bureau Board Appointments

Resolution Appointing a Community Member: A resolution appointing Cinda Suiter as a Community Member to the Lewis County Youth Bureau has been issued to the Lewis County Board of Legislators for approval.

Senior-Student Representatives: On June 30, 2019 our senior student representatives term on the board will expire. Therefore, Penny asked that seniors invite their potential replacements to the April and or May meetings. This will provide them the opportunity to make a better decision as to if they want to be appointed to the board and if they have time to commit to being on the board.

Community Board Members: We also have five (5) Community Members whose term on the board is slated to end June 30, 2019. Penny will be calling them to see if they would like to be appointed for another 2-year term. **Update:** Scott Mathys, John Exford, Rhonda Vanucchi and Mike Leviker, have all confirmed that they would like to be appointed for another 2-year term on the board.

2019 OCFS Youth Development Funds (up to \$6,115 available) to support Municipality Run Summer Recreational Programs-Update: At the February 20, 2019 Youth Bureau Meeting, the board moved to allocate up to \$6,515 for Municipality Run Recreational Programs through a competitive application process. Penny advised that letters announcing the availability of the funds were issued to all Town Superintendents and Village Mayors. Applicants will be requested to identify other funding sources they have secured for their program. The deadline to submit applications is April 12th. At our April meeting, we will be reviewing applications received and making awards.

New Business

Lyons Falls Farmers Market-Request: Penny advised that Justine from the Lyons Falls Farmers Market has requested that the Youth Bureau have an informational table at their Tuesday June 18th Farmers Market. If interested, please see Penny.

Community Day of Caring: Team Up To Clean Up: Scott Mathys distributed a poster titled “Community Day of Caring: Team Up To Clean Up.” This year the Lewis County Leadership Academy Class has decided to collectively host a community project vs. individual community projects. The project is the “Community Day of Caring: Team Up To Clean Up” project. This one- day project has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4th from 9am to 1pm. There will be various areas throughout the county that will be cleaned up. Please consider joining the Lewis County Leadership Academy in cleaning up our local communities. To sign up to be a volunteer please go to leadership@lewiscountychamber.org. **If any of the Youth Bureau membership, would like to sign up as a group please see Penny.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lewis County Youth Bureau is **April 24, 2019 at 4:00pm at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Legislative Chambers.**

Adjournment: John Exford moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm. Kirstin Moshier seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Penny L. Moser, Director
Lewis County Youth Bureau