



## LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

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### Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Minutes of November 18, 2020

Scott Mathys-Co-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. The meeting was held via Telephone Conference Call.

**Present:** Scott Mathys Co-Chairperson, Kallie Bauter-Co-Chairperson and Student Representative South Lewis Central, David Fayle-Student Representatives Lowville Academy, Emma Reid-Student Representative South Lewis, Lisa Peebles Mike Leviker, Katie Zehr, Michele Ledoux, Ward Dailey and Eileen Mathys. *Others Present:* Penny Moser-Director Lewis County Youth Bureau. *Excused:* **Guest Present:** Robert Bucci, 4-H Plant & Animal Science Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County-Food for Thought Program; Michael Madore-Lowville Pop Warner Football & Cheer Program; and David Fayle-Student Representative for the “Recycle Tennis Balls” Program.

#### Introductions and Welcome

**Minutes:** Review of October 21, 2020 Youth Bureau Advisory Board meeting minutes. Michele Ledoux made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Kallie Bauter seconded. **Motion Carried.**

#### Old Business

**Awarding of remaining 2020 County Projects Funds (Up to \$800) available:** County Project funds must be used to support direct services to and for youth (direct costs are costs that can be identified specifically with a particular final cost objective i.e., an award, project, event or other direct costs such as supplies for an activity of an organization. These funds **cannot be used** for indirect costs such as salaries. ■ A total of three (3) proposals were received. Board members were previously emailed a summary of each proposal to review prior to today’s meeting. Applicants were invited to today’s meeting to answer any questions the board may have pertaining to their proposals.

#### Applications Received

**Recycling Tennis Balls Program-**David Fayle Student at Lowville Academy fielded questions from the Youth Bureau about the “Recycling Tennis Balls Program”. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$430 to purchase two (2) bins to place at each of the two sets of tennis courts at Lowville Academy.**

**Agriculture in The Classroom Program-**Robert Bucci, 4-H Plant & Animal Science Educator fielded questions from Lewis County Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE). **Amount of Funding Requested: \$800 for travel expense, printing expenses and lesson plan materials expenses.**

Lowville Pop Warner Football & Cheer Program: Amount of Funding Requested: \$800 to purchase jerseys for their Mitey Mites Football Team. The cost per jersey is \$37-\$47 each and the program has between 25-35 players on the team in an average season. **The Lowville Pop Warner requested \$800 to purchase Jerseys.**

*After discussion, Lisa Peebles moved to allocate the remaining 2020 County Project funds in the amount of \$800 to Lewis County Cornell Cooperative Extension for their Agriculture in the Classroom Program. Emma Reid seconded; Motion carried.* Abstained: David Fayle and Michele Ledoux.

### ***9<sup>th</sup> Annual “Homeless Christmas Tree” Initiative-Update***

This year the our annual “Homeless Christmas Tree” Initiative is slated to begin November 20<sup>th</sup> through December 21, 2020. This initiative is the collection of personal hygiene, kitchen, bathroom, baby items, blankets, pillows, and other supplies needed when an individual or family starts over. Additionally, this year we are coordinated efforts with Josh Fitzgerald, Owner of Lake Effect Tech and Scott Morgan, Financial Center Manager for Americu Credit Union by collecting socks, winter hats/gloves, and scarves for children and adults for their “Warmth for the Sole” project. At the request of a past donor our “Homeless Christmas Tree” has already been set up and displayed in the window at Lake Effect Tech in the Village of Lowville where it is visible for all to see.

On November 12<sup>th</sup> the following individuals were interviewed by WWNY Channel 7 regarding the Youth Bureau’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual “Homeless Christmas Tree” initiative as part of the TV stations “For Your Health” piece. Kallie-Co-Chairperson, Amanda Waugh-Sr. Social Services Program Examiner at DSS, Commissioner Jones, Josh Fitzgerald-Owner of Lake Effect Tech, Charlotte Beagle who has donated handmade baby sweaters since the 1<sup>st</sup> year of this initiative, and Sylvia Woodhouse who presented a check in the amount of \$200 from the Northern Cruisers for this year’s initiative. ● Today, Kallie had a telephone interview with Brian Best at Flack Broadcasting regarding our “Homeless Christmas Tree.” Penny reported that as of today, the Youth Bureau has received \$590 in checks for this initiative. Monetary donations will be used to replenish items throughout 2021. **The packing up of donations at Lake Effect Tech is December 28<sup>th</sup>. Penny will inform the board once a time has been identified to pack up the items.**

### ***2020 Safe Harbour – Virtual Training***

As part of the NYS Safe Harbour for Exploited Children’s Act of 2008 that protects commercially sexually exploited children by recognizing them as victims and paves the way for better outcomes, in 2020 Lewis County along with six other counties were the last counties to receive Safe Harbour-Seed Funding. The Youth Bureau contracted with the Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County who are an oversight agency for the local Child Advocacy Center, to coordinate the 1<sup>st</sup> year efforts to raise local outreach and awareness, in an effort to support youth survivors of trafficking.

As reported at our last meeting, Kiley Hilyer, Lead Advocate for Lewis County Safe Harbour had recently requested to move forward with a smaller scale virtual training with Keynote Rachel Lloyd, CEO and Founder of GEMS (Girls Educational & Mentoring Services) vs. a large Conference that was being planned prior to Covid19. ● **UPDATE:** On November 16<sup>th</sup> confirmation was received

that the **virtual training will be held on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm** with a presentation featuring Rachel Lloyd and Erica Marx Virtual Consulting will be providing technical guidance for the presenter and attendees to include use music and activities to engage with the participants; offer back end technical support, Emcee the event; and design the conference with the planning team at the Child Advocacy Center. Invites will include the youth bureau, not for profit agencies, priorities council, caseworkers, school personnel, and the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) that includes people from law enforcement (state and local), victims assistance center, district attorney, probation, Lewis County Opportunities and more.

#### **New Business**

**Region 3 NYS Youth Bureau Meeting:** Penny advised the November monthly meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Brian Chetney and Matthew Newman-State OCFS and Region 3 Representative reiterated that all 2020 claims and contracts will have a 20% withhold NOT reduction. Counties will need to up front the 20% withhold but will eventually be reimbursed by OCFS.

#### **Next Meeting**

The Youth Bureau **will not** be meeting in December. **Our First meeting in 2021 will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.**

**Adjournment:** Mike Leviker moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm, Emma Reid seconded. **Motion carried.**

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