

**Youth Services Network  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County  
West Room  
May 9, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**Introductions** were made.

**Review of March 14, 2016 minutes.** No changes were made.

**Introductions of guest presenters.**

**Bridgette Gates, upcoming YMCA summer programs** – everything covered is on the YMCA's website; Summer Youth Intern program – onsite summer job training, 15 year olds are not paid, 16 year olds are paid if it is their second year, the application for this program must be completed by the end of May, each year they are able to take around 30 youth, youth are placed in different community jobs; EPIC is our summer enrichment camp for youth entering 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades, but they do make exceptions to the grade levels, this is held weekly at the Fairgrounds, added cost for Friday field trips, this is a summer recreation program with a variety of trainings and presentations offered; Sports Camp is for 5-12 year olds, three camps one each month from 9am-12pm, lunch is provided, it is at the Fairgrounds; Youth Track and Field is Monday nights starts June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades may participate, it is 4 weeks long, offered at the WCSD high school; Sports and Arts Camp – ages 5-12, one week August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>, 9am-12pm, lunch is provided; Kids Functional Fitness is a Kid Ready to Fit class, learning about exercise, what to do in the fitness center, ages 9-13, work on strength, endurance, flexibility, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> August; summer SACC is the 10 weeks of summer, at Knickerbocker for the first 7 weeks and at the fairgrounds the last 3 weeks; daily swimming, breakfast, snacks and lunch, 7am-6pm, K-7<sup>th</sup> grades; Summer Feeding and Recreation – free recreation at the majority of the summer feeding programs, 11am – 3pm daily; also offering at the CAPC building.

**Brooke Pate, National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, updated information on Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties** – Jefferson County is 5<sup>th</sup> in state for teen pregnancy for 15-19 year old; 1<sup>st</sup> in state for 18-19 year olds; Lewis County is 4<sup>th</sup> in the state for 18-19 year old, abstinence only education is still being taught, but they are encouraging IUD and condom education; sexually active teen numbers has remained steady; rural youth are more likely to be sexually active than urban teens.

**Tammie Miller, Restorative Circle and School Based Mediation Services** – Youth Court is undergoing a lot of changes, we are reentering school based services, going back into true restorative justice services in the sense of mediation services for schools. Schools in general are under a lot of pressure due to suspension and graduation rates. We have three years of funding to train organizations and schools to support families over a longer period of time. It is their job

to get Educators to buy into the idea of restorative practices for the wellbeing of the student/youth. We hope to do these daily as a check in/out. Restorative practices fix the harms that have been done, everybody who is on board is in the same room assisting the individual/family. The example given was a student suspended from school for ten weeks, with no reentry plan. A video of a restorative/reentry circle was shown. They have started working with students at BOCES. They will really be starting in 2016-2017 year in Jefferson County and at South Lewis school. The funding is through Ameri Corps, had to have 50% poverty level or more to apply to serve the school.

## **Program Updates**

Color Run on May 21<sup>st</sup> for the YMCA in Carthage.

Mental Health Walk May 18<sup>th</sup>, register at NRCIL, 8:30am-2pm. Parenting the Love and Logic Way is 5/19-6/23.

WCSD is offering summer school again this summer.

Jefferson County Probation has completed two community service projects over the past two months; June 18<sup>th</sup> Mulligan for Kids, Golf Tournament for Youth Court at Willowbrook.

Jim Schell reports that the Jefferson County Youth Bureau scholarships need to be submitted, once the funds are gone they are gone. Please get them in.

CAPC - Jeff-Lewis Child Care Council is doing a survey for parents who are utilizing child care. There are incentives for parents who participate.

Children's Home, Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5K starting at Teen Center; will go up to Thompson Park, picnic afterward, 9am, walk starts at 10am, \$15 per person, \$30 per family. Dogs are allowed.

**Other** - there was nothing else under other.

**Next Meeting date is September 12, 2016** - please let Stephanie Graf know if you are interested in presenting.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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