

**Youth Services Network  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County  
West Room  
March 14, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**Introductions** were made.

**Review of January 11, 2016 minutes.** No changes were made.

**Introductions of guest presenters.**

**Shelly Cobb, BOCES Youth Summer Program**

The Exploration Day Camps are: July 25 – 28 and August 1- 4. The Project Based Learning model is being used. The application is being worked on right now. The camp is available to 24, 13 and 14 year olds in Jefferson County. Two full time teachers will work with the students. The camp will provide lunch each day. The youth will need their own transportation to and from camp. The camps will be held at BOCES and there will be field trips to the Thompson Park Zoo. The camp will give the youth a project to solve. They will use critical thinking and collaboration. Handout was given.

**Stephanie Graf, 4-H Camp Wabasso**

4-H Camp Wabasso's summer camping season was reviewed and brochures were distributed. Special upcoming events were reviewed – 4-H Gone to the Dogs Weekend, Open House, Fishing Day – fliers were distributed for the events. 4-H Camp Wabasso Camp school days during the month of June were discussed and flyer was distributed. Jefferson County Youth Bureau scholarships were discussed for use by families to send their child(ren) to camp.

**Deb Cavallario, HAPI**

They found that the homework piece is the weakest link for the students they are working with. ADHD decided they would form a research based program called HAPI. It is research based in that we know that crucial support is parental involvement. The child achieves more if parents are involved. ADHD feels that early intervention is the best approach. Parents are involved as partners. Parents may be uncomfortable as they had a difficult time with the education system. The program works with K – 6. They target at risk students, socio-economic and military youth. HAPI tries to develop skills that match with common core. They bond education with families and the school. The goal is academic and behavioral success for the students. They are not a homework club, they provide assistance for students to complete their homework. The mentors are assistants, they are working in the district and know the curriculum. It is a one on one,

informal program with a 3:1 ratio at all times. The parents enroll them, it is voluntary. There is no cost to the families. The Supervisors go into the homes, so the home is ready for academic success. The Supervisors explained their roles and responsibilities. They shared that youth are rewarded for their progress. Converse with teachers to help the students achieve. Visit the homes to ensure they are ready for academic success. In contact with the Mentors on a weekly basis. They assist with Doctor's appointments if needed – medications, understanding diagnosis, no/limited transportation. We build and incorporate trust with the families as a whole. Only in the Watertown City School District at this time.

## **Program Updates**

Tracy Gyoerkoe, GPS for Success had official launch and six career clusters are finished at this time. [www.mygpsforsuccess.com](http://www.mygpsforsuccess.com)

Cathy Brodeur shared that Head Start is recruiting at this time. On 8/20 the Jefferson Lewis Childcare Project is holding their Family Resource Festival. A location has not been determined at this time.

Patricia Ryan, WCSD, shared that she is a Faculty Advisor for many of the clubs. One of the clubs is sponsoring an empowerment week at the school, first week in April.

Cari McAvoy from ACR Health shared that they continue to provide case management for transyouth to help navigate health care, mental health care and more. They are holding a french toast fundraiser on April 3, 2016 11:30am -1:30pm. The funds will be used for a Pride Prom. April is STD awareness month and they will be at JCC and other colleges once a week for the month. Community members may be tested in their offices confidentially.

Anne Garno, NCPPC, Youth Services Director, shared that they provide comprehensive sexuality education through the use of evidence based curriculum. The Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board has awarded them funds to offer a free babysitting course with CPR and First Aid this summer. There will be several locations in Jefferson County for the two day course, which normally targets 11-14 year olds. NCPPC has taken on the role of coordinating the ; Heart Beats for Madden Foundation. The focus is to promote CPR training and safe sleep. A large fundraiser for this Foundation is the Color Run in July. North County Community Cup 25<sup>th</sup> year, takes place the last two weeks in May, after work, all day on June 2<sup>nd</sup> or June 4<sup>th</sup>. New small team division is new this year – can compete against organizations of the same time.

Cathy, Access VR, shared that they are trying to encourage Juniors in High School to start to work with them to find/think about employment. Their role is to work with individuals with disabilities to find employment (6 and older).

Shelley David and Stephanie Harris from NRCIL – shared that they also help with employment placement and distributed a save the date flier for the month of April.

Janet White reminder the group that they are still offering workshops and she will send another flier electronically through the listserv.

Tammie Miller, Resolution Center/Youth Court asked to be a presenter at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Youth Services Network meeting as they are making changes with different funding.

Bridgette Gates shared the Healthy Kids Day scheduled for 4/30 from 11am-1pm at the Fairgrounds YMCA. The event will promote healthy eating, physical activity, there will be raffles and give aways for families. As part of the event there will be a Kids Fun Run with a Super Heroes theme.

Probation will have a new program that they are working on with DSS to share with us at the next meeting.

**Other**

Tammie Miller, Bridgette Gates and Anne Garno will present at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Youth Services Network Meeting.

**Next Meeting date is May 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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