

Jefferson County Youth Advisory Board Meeting
September 16, 2020 4:09PM to 4:30PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Karen Marcum, Stephanie Graf, Robert Cantwell, Brooke Roes, Cheryl Foan, Scott Weller, Christine Sutton, James Schell, Jane Gendron, Sharon Chaple, and Joe Wargo

Excused: Robin Colello-Poplaski, Amy Briggs, Mary Jane Mathewson

Meeting was called to order by Scott Weller at 4:09PM.

Meeting minutes from June 23, 2020, were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mr. Weller and seconded by Joe Wargo. All present were in favor, nobody opposed or abstained.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Karen Marcum provided an update with regards to funding stating funding was approved in the state's budget. We are still planning to receive the same amount which was initially allocated. The Department of Budget has not released any funds at this time. We have received no funding and at this time have been unable to fund our programs. It is unknown when the Department of Budget will approve to release funds. Nothing has been confirmed but the County Administrator believes these programs are needed and they have provided the necessary services. The County is looking at ways to ensure the programs are funded. No formal plan has been discussed. Ms. Marcum will keep the board updated as more information is provided.

Historically, this time of year the RFP's are released. As funding this year has not been released, and funding for next year is uncertain, it has been determined the Youth Bureau will not release a new RFP at this time. Ms. Marcum reported all but one program which the Youth Bureau anticipated to fund has been up and running. Lyme Summer Theater was the only program which did not operate. All other programs are operating at this time.

Ms. Marcum shared an update regarding the Youth Council. Our regional youth council recently partnered with other youth councils who are presenting at a statewide level. Ms. Marcum, as it becomes available, will share information regarding reports. Youth are being provided with trainings in diversity, government and leadership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPOSAL SCREENING COMMITTEE (CHAIR, VACANT): Matt Rogers was the previous chair of this committee. Mr. Rogers has recently resigned from the board. The committee did meet on August 18, 2020, to discuss redistribution of funds. At the time of the meeting, the committee determined to be best to hold off on making any decisions until funding has been received.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CHAIR, VACANT): The committee has not met.

PROGRAM MONITORING AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE (CHAIR, SCOTT WELLER): Scott Weller participated in today's meeting and shared the committee has not met. He has received some program monitoring reviews but some are still outstanding. Mr. Weller will schedule a meeting to discuss monitoring reports once all have been completed.

YOUTH RECOGNITION COMMITTEE (CHAIR, JANE GENDRON): Ms. Gendron reported the committee will move forward with a modified awards event. Each award recipient has been invited to Cornell Cooperative Extension to receive their award which would have been presented at our regular luncheon event. Due to the current health pandemic, award recipients will receive their awards in person at specific times. To ensure safety, the number of people present has been limited and health screenings will be performed. Dan Deegan will represent the Youth Bureau and each recipient is allowed to bring a family member. Robert Cantwell will represent the Youth Bureau as well as the Board of Legislators. The presentations will be recorded and posted on the website. Stephanie Graf will prepare a press release. This will take place on October 7th.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CHAIR, VACANT): The committee has not met.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CHAIR, JANE GENDRON): The committee has not met.

OTHER:

Ad Hoc Committee met on August 18, 2020. Due to Jessie Roshia's recent resignation from the board, the board Chair became vacant. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended Scott Weller to replace Mr. Roshia for the remainder of his term. Mr. Weller accepted the nomination. Additionally, the Ad Hoc Committee nominated Dan Deegan to fill the Vice Chair vacancy to which he also accepted. A motion was made on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee to accept these nominations. Joe Wargo second the motion. All present were in favor, nobody opposed or abstained from the vote. Joe Wargo, Jefferson County Probation Supervisor, has replaced Kristine Maloney on the board. Wendy O'Sullivan, Fort Drum Child and Youth Services, has replaced Matt Rogers on the board. Both will require orientation. Stephanie Graf will reach out to Robin Colello-Poplaski who has taken on this role.

NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES:

November 18, 2020

Joe Wargo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30PM, seconded by Robert Cantwell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke B. Roes