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Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Minutes of February 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-Chair, Kallie Bauter-Student Representative South Lewis, Kirstin Moshier-Student Representative Lowville Academy, Victoria Boliver-Student Representative Beaver River, Mike Leviker, Scott Mathys, Katie Zehr, and Ward Dailey. **Excused:** Deanna Edick, Michele Ledoux, Justine Schmidt and Chloe Benson-Student Representatives Harrisville, and Rhonda Vanucchi. **Others Present:** Legislator John Lehman and Penny Moser, Director Lewis County Youth Bureau.

Introductions and Welcome: The board welcomed Katie Zehr who was recently appointed to the Lewis County Youth Bureau as a Community Member. Katie works at PIVOT, a drug and alcohol prevention awareness agency.

Minutes: Review of the January 16, 2019 Youth Bureau Advisory Board meeting minutes. **Mike Leviker made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Katie Zehr seconded; Motion Carried.**

Old Business

2019 Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Youth Development Funds: At the request of the Youth Bureau membership at their January 2019 meeting, a press release announcing the availability of up to \$14,000 in 2019 OCFS YDF was issued to the Journal & Republican, Linking Lewis County and is on the Youth Bureau website. The release advised that the Youth Bureau is 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 is March 15, 2019. Ad Hoc Committee Formed:** Penny advised that 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. The committee was created in an effort, to make sure application's meet the criteria as outlined in the press release and to make sure the applications are completed.

Process after the March 15th due date for applications

- Prior to the Youth Bureau's March Board meeting each application received will be emailed to board members who will be asked to review the applications and come to the March 20th meeting prepared to ask questions they may have of the applicants.
- Applicants will be invited to come to our March 20, 2019 board meeting. **Reminder: Per the Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board's By-Laws, the inability to provide a verbal presentation will not exclude applicants from consideration.**
- The voting process for awarding the up to \$14,000 in 2019 OCFS-YDF funds is a simple majority of the membership present.
- Penny stressed the importance of having the full Youth Bureau Board attend the March 20, 2019 Board meeting.

BRCS Student Representative-Update: Victoria Boliver announced that Heather Puddington, a Junior at BRCS has expressed interest in being on the Youth Bureau board. **Victoria will invite Heather to our March meeting to observe the meeting and then decide if she would like her name submitted to the Board of Legislators for appointment on the board.**

New Business

OCFS officially announces the 2019 Youth Development Funding allocation: OCFS has released the actual 2019 amount of funding allocated to counties. The Lewis County allocation is \$21,115.00, the same as last year without the additional "Legislative Add on Funds." **It is anticipated that counties **will not** be receiving "Legislative Add on Funds" in 2019. The "Legislative Add on Funds" are what we have historically used to fund the Annual "Lewis County Night Out" event. As suggested at our January meeting, Penny checked into applying for the Stewarts Holiday Match funds to support the 2019 LCNO event, however the deadline date to submit 2019 applications had already ended. ■ Scott Mathys had advised that one potential reason that the state is not allocating additional OCFS funds could be due to NYS's 2+ billion dollar shortfall. Increases in funding during times of budget deficits are very rare. Also, NYS is considering the legalization of marijuana. If this were to happen, some revenues from sale taxes could be disbursed to prevention awareness efforts; however, that is not currently in the legislation. Voicing that concern to our State Representatives is one action that can be done now. If student representatives are interested in how NYS Government works and would like to add their voice, Scott encouraged them to call him and together set up a time to meet with either Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush or Senator Joseph Griffo.

2019 OCFS YDF-Remaining funding = \$7,115.00: Discussion was held on what types of youth programs to fund with the remaining 2019 funds. Penny reported that the youth bureau has typically used a portion of these funds to support Municipality Run Youth Recreational Programs through a competitive application process and to support the Youth Bureau's Administrative costs to include postage for regular mailings; LCNO; and the "Homeless Christmas Tree" Initiative; as well as certificates of appreciation, and miscellaneous supplies. *Elizabeth McGuire moved to allocate \$600 of the remaining 2019 OCFS-YDF funds to support the Youth Bureau's Administrative costs. She also moved to allocate the remaining \$6,515 for Municipality Run Recreational Programs through a competitive application process. Applicants will be*

requested to identify other funding sources they have secured for their program. The deadline date to submit applications is April 12th. Kallie Bauter seconded; Motion Carried.

2019 Lewis County Night Out Event: Penny will begin looking for a business or bank to possibly fund the 2019 LCNO Event. The total cost for the event is \$2,500. Legislator Lehman suggested to contact the county manager as well.

2019 Seasonal Bus Run to Old Forge-Assistance with Promoting: Casandra Buell, Senior Planner at the County's Planning Department has requested assistance from the Lewis County Youth Bureau in promoting this seasonal run. 2019 will be the 8th year of this seasonal offering. This program is an incredible opportunity for youth ages 14 years and older to secure employment at Enchanted Forest Water Safari as well as at other businesses along the route to Old Forge. Cost remains at \$1 each way. Monthly passes are available at the cost of \$25.00. Bus pick up locations include: Croghan-Josh's Riverside Restaurant; Lowville-TOPS Plaza; Lyons Falls-Edge Hotel; Port Leyden-Cliff's Local Market; Boonville-Tops plaza; Woodgate Post Office. The seasonal run begins June 12 through September 2, 2019. Penny distributed information regarding this year's seasonal run along with the bus schedule, and asked that student representatives post the information at their school districts, in their neighborhoods at sub and pizza shops, stores, youth programs and anywhere else they would like. ■ Great News, this year there is an itinerary for Harrisville Students who wish to utilize Lewis County Public Transportation to get to and from Old Forge: Riders will board the bus at Harrisville Sliders (between 6:30AM and 7:00Am depending on other riders). Harrisville is a "call ahead" location; meaning that riders need to call Birnie Bus 1 business day prior to make sure that a bus is sent out.

United Prevention (UP! Coalition) – School Based Survey Results: Scott Mathys reported that the UP! Coalition provided an overview on data results from the Lewis County 2018 PNA School Survey. The survey was completed by 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders from Lewis County School Districts. Students were asked questions pertaining to alcohol and substance abuse usage and the survey provided outcomes and considerations. **After discussion, Penny will invite Cassie Forbus, UP! Coalition Coordinator to the Youth Bureau's May meeting to present the student survey results.**

Next Meeting: The next meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 4:00pm** at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Legislative Chambers.

Adjournment: Victoria Boliver moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:56pm; Mike Leviker seconded. **Motion carried.**

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

