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Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Minutes of May 15, 2019

Madeline Lehman-Vice Chairperson and Student Representative from Lowville Academy Central School, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. The meeting was held at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Legislative Chambers.

Present: John Exford-Co-Chair, Scott Mathys, Madeline Lehman-Vice-Chairperson and Student Representative Lowville Academy, Kallie Bauter-Student Representative South Lewis, Kirstin Moshier and Alyssa Brower-Student Representatives from Lowville Academy, Cinda Suiter, Deanna Edick, Rhonda Vanucchi, Brian Finn, Ward Dailey, Justine Schmidt, and Victoria Boliver and Heather Puddington-Student Representatives Beaver River Central. **Excused:** Kimmy Dolan, Annabelle Atnip, Chloe Benson, Katie Zehr, Mike Leviker, and Michele Ledoux. **Others Present:** Legislators Greg Kulzer and Penny Moser, Director Lewis County Youth Bureau. **Guest Present:** Cassie Forbus, Coordinator-Up! Community Coalition.

Introductions and Welcome: The board welcomed Heather Puddington who will be replacing Victoria Boliver as a student representative from Beaver River Central School.

Minutes: Review of the April 24, 2019 Youth Bureau Advisory Board meeting minutes. **Scott Mathys made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Kirstin Moshier seconded; Motion Carried.**

UP! Coalition: Madeline introduced Cassie Forbus, Coordinator of the UP! Community Coalition. Cassie advised that the mission of the coalition is to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in Lewis County youth by collaborating with our community to empower residents to make educated decision about living a healthy lifestyle. UP! Coalition envisions a community that fosters its youth to choose a healthy lifestyle. **2018 PNA School Survey Results:** Cassie presented on data results collected from the 2018 PNA School Survey that was completed by 990 middle and high school students (6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades) from Beaver River, Copenhagen, Harrisville, Lowville, and South Lewis School Districts. Cassie reported that the goal of the UP! Coalition is to take information gathered from the survey to events around the area in an effort to build awareness and capacity.

Listed is one of the survey questions that students answered along with Outcomes & Considerations: **Survey Question:** *How often in the past 30 days have you had an alcoholic beverage; how frequently have you smoked cigarettes; how many occasions have you used electronic cigarettes; how many occasions (if any) have you used marijuana, opioids, etc.* The survey indicated Significant Findings/Cause for Concern: 12th graders who had consumed alcoholic beverages; who utilized e-cigarettes and who have used marijuana had significantly increased since the last survey. **Outcomes & Considerations:** Across all grade levels, alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana past 30-day use is trending down; In some areas we are higher than the national average; and more the 2018 School Survey results, the UP! Coalition is focusing on changing data results such as: 15.9% of all Lewis County students surveyed reported using alcohol in the past 30 days and 48.5% of Lewis County students reported getting their alcohol at home WITH their parents' permission! **The survey will be given to students again in the Fall. ■ Zombie 5k**

Fun Run: The 1st Annual Drug Prevention Zombie Fun Run is scheduled for October 12th. The run will start at the Maple Ridge Center and end at the Lewis County Fairgrounds. ■ **SSWAG Bags** for High School Seniors will be distributed prior to graduation. The community wants to remind seniors how much their community cares about them and to help them make good decisions this prom and graduation season. Each bag is filled with information on community resources, information on drug and alcohol, and contains some cool items donated by area businesses. All 5 school district seniors will receive a SSWAG Bag. **For additional information on upcoming UP! Coalition events please visit their website at cforbus@mvpsny.org.**

Old Business:

A Resolution has been submitted to the Lewis County Board of Legislators to appoint the following three (3) new Student Representatives to the Lewis County Youth Bureau: Mandalynn Atnip will be representing Copenhagen Central School (replacing her sister, Annabelle Atnip); Alyssa Brower will be representing Lowville Academy School (replacing Madaline Lehman); and Heather Puddington will be representing Beaver River Central (replacing Victoria Boliver). Appointments will begin the end of June 2019. ■ **Additionally, Peyton Walker has requested to be on the board. Peyton will be representing Copenhagen Central School (replacing Kimmy Dolan). Penny will be submitting a resolution to the Board of Legislators, requesting this appointment.**

2019 County Project Funds (Up to \$5,000) available – Re-Cap and Update: During the 2019 budget process, the Youth Bureau requested and were allocated \$5,000 from the county to be used for youth projects that support positive youth activities/programs in Lewis County. This funding can be used to support existing youth programs that had a decrease of funding, were eliminated or for new youth programs. **These funds cannot be used to support salaries.** The Youth Board can either designate the funds to a specific type of youth program, or open the funding up to any youth program/event through a competitive application process. **At our May meeting, the board elected to open the county project funding up to any Lewis County youth program.** A press release announcing the availability of up to \$5,000 was issued to the Journal & Republican, Linking Lewis County website and was posted on the Youth Bureau's website. At our June meeting, we will be reviewing applications and making decision on funding programs. **The deadline to submit proposals is June 14, 2019.**

OLD Business-Re-Cap and New Business:

2019 Lewis County Night Out Event: ReCap from April meeting: It was noted that it was highly unlikely that youth bureaus would receive from the "Office of Children and Family Services, 2019 "Legislative Add on Funds." For several year's these additional funds have fully supported our annual LCNO event. At our April meeting the board decided that the event is worth much merit, therefore they decided to reach out to local agencies/businesses for monetary donations to support this yyear's event. Penny reiterated that John Lehman, Legislator had consulted with Ryan Piche, County Manager and who also agreed that the event has much merit, therefore a resolution in the amount of \$2,000 was slated to go before the board of legislators for approval at their June meeting. Since then, OCFS has announced that youth bureaus may now, be receiving "Legislative Add on Funds" however the actual announcement of the funds or amount has not yet been identified. *Due to the unknowns as to if we will be receiving additional funds as well as the amount, Penny has asked the county to hold off in submitting their resolution to allocate \$2,000 to fund the 2019 LCNO event. If OCFS has not made an official announcement by the end of June, Penny will request to move forward with the approval process of the county's resolution to support the event. Penny advised that for several years now, including 2019, the county has allocated \$5,000 to the Youth Bureau for County Project funds, which we are very grateful for.

Lewis County Night Out Event-Committee Update: The 2019 Lewis County Night Out Committee, made up of Penny, Scott Mathys, Mike Leviker, Karen Boliver-Northern Regional Center for Independent Living; Katie Zehr, and Chief Randy Roggie, held their first 2nd meeting on May 13, 2019. **Highlights from the meeting:** The 2019 LCNO is scheduled for Friday, September 6th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Lewis County Fairgrounds. ▪ The Committee is actively reaching out to agencies/businesses for monetary donations to fully fund the LCNO event. ▪ We have received confirmation that the following K9's and their handlers will be recognized during the opening ceremony: The Child Advocacy Center-K9 Amelia and a State Police K9. ▪ Flack Broadcasting-Live Remote; Doug Lamont-Food Vendor; and Brushstrokes by Melina (face painting and animal balloon making) have all confirmed their attendance at the event. **Anyone else interested in being on the LCNO Committee, please contact Penny.**

Election of Officers-Reminder: Per the Lewis County Youth Bureau By-Laws, officers are selected by majority vote at our Annual meeting in June. Officers shall be elected to a 2-year term, and shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one office. The Officer positions of both Co-Chairs, and Vice Chairperson, will be up for nominations. The current co-chairs appoint the nominating committee who are charged with the responsibility of providing a slate of nominations for the offices of Co-Chairs and Vice Chairperson. There were no volunteers to be on the nominating committee, therefore Co-Chairpersons Libby McGuire and John Exford will contact all members to find out their interest in being nominated to an officer position. **Co-Chairs McGuire and Exford will present a slate of candidates at the June 2019 Youth Bureau Board meeting.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lewis County Youth Bureau has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 4:00pm at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Legislative Chambers.**

June Agenda Items include: Awarding - 2019 County Project Funds; 2019 Monitoring of OCFS/Youth Bureau Funded Programs; and Celebrating and Honoring our Senior Youth Bureau Board Members

Adjournment: Kallie Bauter moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:41_{pm}. Kirstin Moshier seconded. **Motion carried.**

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