

Children Youth and Family Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2016 **CONDUCTING MEETING:** Pam Coloton **RECORDER:** Ken Brooks, Business Mgr.

Present: Pam Coloton; Charles D'Agostino, Larry Krajeski, John Scalera, MaryAnn Scalera, Angelo Scaturro, Don Smith, Terry McGee Ward, Ken Brooks, **NEW MEMBER:** Lauren Clark Director/Tami Bone, Caseworker Early Intervention

Excused: Mary Jo Jaeger, Susan Smith Hicks

Guests: Mary Jean Pomilla, Care Director for the my resources page for NY Connects

Marcy Stryker, Girl Scouts NENY Director, Jennifer Osswald, Girl Scout Troop Leader, Molly Osswald, Girl Scout

Kay Stamer, SPROUTS Director and Ruth Leonard

Absent:

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ITEM	Person responsible	Due	Done
<p>Call to order</p> <p>Roll Call</p> <p>October 2015 minutes</p>	<p>Meeting call to order by Vice-Chairperson Pam Coloton at 6:00pm</p> <p>Roll call of members (see above)</p>	<p>October's minutes approved on motion by Don Smith and seconded by Angelo Scaturro</p>			
<p>Guests</p>	<p>Terry yielded the floor to the Guests. Terry invited Mary Jean Pomilla, Care Director, Girl Scouts of NENY, and SPROUTS to come and speak to the Council.</p>	<p>The first speaker was Mary Jean Pomilla. She opened by telling the Board that a new resource page was being created to have information on services for seniors in the county with a possible application for youth in the future. Whether it be a pharmacy, hospital, assisted living or senior day care. She has been working on updating and correcting what is in the system. At this point they are hoping to go live on 10/1/16.</p> <p>The next speaker was Marcy Stryker Director of the Girl Scouts NENY. She told the Board how excited she was to be given the chance to personally thank us for what we do for the Girl Scouts. She stated that</p>			

		<p>the scholarships are used to help girls purchase items that they may not be able to afford (uniforms, caps, sashes etc). She also stated that the money is used to send out the Girl Scout Newsletter to all the girls in the area. They currently have 6 troops in Greene county. At this point Marcy introduced Jennifer Osswald Girl Scout Troop Leader GSNENY and Molly Osswald a 9 year girl scout. Molly was given the floor and talked about the various badge projects she is working on and what the girl scouts do within the community. She proudly showed off her patches/badges and answered questions from the Board. Marcy added that the Girl Scouts in very beneficial for the girls. It is helping to give the girls the capability of having a voice. To speak up where it was needed.</p> <p>The Last Speakers were representatives from SPROUTS. Ruth Leonard and Kay Stamer. SPROUTS is a program offered by the Greene County Council on the Arts. Ruth spoke about the various projects they are offering over the summer. She answered questions on how the children get enrolled and how the children become volunteer trainers once they age out of the SPROUTS system. Kay also spoke on how beneficial this has been for the children as well. There were several questions from the Board.</p> <p>Terry and the Board thanked all the speakers for coming in.</p>			
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<p>Unfinished Business</p>					
<p>New Business</p>	<p>New Member Tami Bone</p>	<p>Tami introduced herself to the Board and described her job duties. She works with children from birth to 3 years old. She spoke about State requirements, assessments and getting the parents involved with the issues at hand. She stated that qualifications are based on NEEDS and not income.</p> <p>Don Smith had a question on tracking. Tami said she would find out and get back to him. WHICH SHE DID, here is her emailed response:</p> <p>The state regularly audits EI programs and conducts record reviews. Information found in the child's charts such as copies of the multidisciplinary evaluation results, IFSP as well as the services provided (Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, etc.) are regularly reviewed. But, there really isn't a collection of data to suggest a cause for the delays. One of the reasons is that parents often don't divulge certain information to us regarding pre-natal drug or alcohol use. Another reason is that often the research has not yet been conducted or does not support evidence of a connection between prenatal substance abuse and the developmental delay of the child. (For example, a mother does indicate that she used heroin during</p>			

	<p>Transportation</p> <p>Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>pregnancy and her child is born blind. There is not yet sufficient evidence to support that her drug use caused her child’s visual impairment.) I believe we are just seeing the beginning of the effects on development of what has become a huge drug and alcohol problem. I would hope that somewhere along the line, the state would begin tracking this information and cross-reference it with regional drug-use data. I do know that, in a general sense, substance abuse has impacted our clients (And I’m sure that workers from other departments would report the same trend). As I mentioned, we are seeing more and more older relatives raising very young children because the parents are incarcerated for drug-related offenses, dead from a drug overdose, in treatment facilities or “on the streets” using drugs and unable to provide adequate care to and a stable environment for their children.</p> <p>Ken announced the starting of the NEW Transportation System. The new system should start May 1, 2016 (UPDATE; it has now been moved to June 1, 2016) A ‘drafted’ copy of the bus schedule was handed out for review.</p> <p>Senior Angel Program is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors “60 and older” if anyone knows of a senior that may be interested they can call Ken Brooks at</p>			
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Announcements					
Adjournment		Motion by Mary Ann Scalera and 2 nd : Larry Krasjeski. Approved			
	Next meeting: May 11, 2016, 6pm MENU: Pizza and Wings				

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Brooks
Business Manager