

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

June 12, 2024 @ 5:30 P.M. – In person with option to join via Zoom

PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING: Chair Angelo Scaturro

RECORDER: Katy Drake*, Consultant

ATTENDANCE: Pam Coloton, Andrew Holliday, Mary Jo Jaeger, Vice Chair II Amanda Karch, Debra Kingman, Maeve Lampman*, Tatum Lampman*, Brenna Rustick, John Scalera, MaryAnn Scalera, Chair Angelo Scaturro and Stephanie Schleuderer.

STAFF: Carrie Wallace

* = Zoom

EXCUSED: Kevin Forbes, Gabe Hoglund, Vice Chair Dr. Sal Massa and Don Smith

The meeting opened at 5:33 with the pledge of allegiance. Chair Angelo Scaturro welcomed members and guests. With 11 out of 15 members present, a quorum was available.

Old Business Review and Approval of the May 8, 2024, Youth Advisory Board Meeting Notes,
Angelo

A motion to approve the May meeting notes as written was made by Mary Jo. The motion was seconded by Pam. With all in favor, the minutes were approved as written.

23/24 Youth Funding, Angelo

Common Ground declined the \$5,000 allocated to them in 23/24 as they were not able to serve the number of youth projected by September 30, 2024. The board discussed the reallocation of \$5,000 originally awarded to Common Ground, Inc. All Youth Development Program applications were funded at 100% for 23/24 with the exception of Greene Youth Bureau's Pre-PINS Program. Andrew made a motion to reallocate the \$5,000 in funding to the Greene County Pre-PINS program. Amanda seconded the motion. The motion to reallocate the \$5,000 in Youth Development Program funds to the Pre-PINS program was approved with all in favor.

Monitoring, Discussion

For the first time since COVID (2020), Board members will be attending monitoring visits with DHS staff. Katy and Maureen will work to set up a monitoring schedule to start in July. Stephanie asked to be included in the monitoring team, also indicating Tami, Maureen, Carrie and Laura as Youth Bureau/DHS staff who can assist with monitoring. Once staff and YAB members are matched with programs, the official monitoring forms will be sent out with additional information. Update: Initial monitoring schedule for summer programs sent to Board members and staff on July 1, 2024.

Youth Awards, Angelo

Angelo thanked members for voting. Letters to all youth nominees congratulating them for their service were signed by the Executive Committee at the meeting. Award letters will then be sent now that voting has been finalized. The Youth Awards will be announced at Greene County Youth Fair. Members are asked to mark their calendars for the Awards Ceremony scheduled for the opening of the Greene County Youth Fair on July 25th at 9:30 a.m. Katy will send out a follow up email asking to confirm Board member attendance for the presentation. Mary Jo confirmed that the Wayne Speenburgh Grant funds are already set – no further action needed by the Board.

Youth Bureau Update, Carrie Wallace

Carrie and the Board discussed some of the greatest challenges facing youth in the county in 2024—Transient families & homelessness due to the housing crisis, mental health challenges with a critical lack of supports and services, school attendance, substance abuse and addiction in youth and families and high costs of food to feed a family. Carrie will provide the Youth Bureau the third quarter youth data (services from April – June) prior to the next meeting.

Pre-PINS Flow Chart of Services—Revision in Process (Katy)

Katy is working on an update based on the input provided at the May meeting. The update will go to the Youth Bureau Staff and Communications Committee for review before being sent to the full Board for action at the September meeting.

YAB Community Communications Committee Update, Amanda

Amanda reviewed the Communication Committee report prepared by Sal. Thanks to all who have written articles—our presences in the community in growing. The Board discussed a Quarterly Youth Newsletter, similar to the Roundtable News.

Amanda shared the Columbia Greene Workforce Office has begun administering the GED test at CGCC. Tests are at full capacity. So far, a high pass rate has been reported. An affiliate site for the Workforce Office is open on Main Street in Catskill—currently, this is by appointment only, as WIO staff focus on the Summer Youth Employment Program. The grand opening will be held in September. Amanda will send over the announcement once set for inclusion in the Newsletters.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors—Maeve & Andrew!

Next Meeting Date: September 11, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars: Greene County Youth Fair – Awards Presentation July 25, 2024—

Brenna made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02. Amanda seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting notes approved 11/24/24 by email vote.