

SLC Youth Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 31, 3:00 pm via Zoom  
Meeting called to order at 3:03 pm



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### *Attendance*

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- **Attendees:** Amber Sullivan, Casey Canell, Joanne Sevick, Zachary Monroe, Alaina Goodrich, Patti Fisher, Tricia Snyder, Kerri TenEyck, Lindsay Best, Michael Hammond, Nicole Terminelli, Alexa Backus, Cole Siebles, and Rebekah Zuhlsdorf.
  - **Guest:** Rosemarie Maneri
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### *Minutes*

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- **Minutes Approval:** February 24, 2022, YAB Minutes  
Motion to approve by Amber Sullivan, second by Zachary Monroe, Motion passed
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### *Youth Bureau Report*

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#### **Monthly BYD (Bureau of Youth Development)**

- Met on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - OCFS has proposed changing the program year for YDP program funding from January 1 – December 31 to October 1 – September 30
    - There were several meetings to discuss the change, fiscal officers were able to join a meeting to discuss and offer feedback and guidance.
  - Northern Regional Member of ANYSYB Board of Directors
    - Quarterly meetings to start with Franklin, Clinton, Essex, and Hamilton counties
  - YDP Partners meetings occurred on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>
    - Thank you Casey Canell for joining and offering feedback.
      - Was not well attended but 2 new program partners joined to learn the process and ask questions
  - New York State Governor's Youth Council
    - St. Lawrence County applications-Judging by Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>
    - Three Judges are needed
      - Experiencing online difficulties with finding the applications
      - 4-5 teens applied
      - Joanne, Amber, and Rosemarie offered to be judges if needed
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### *New Business*

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#### **NACo (National Association of Counties) – I Love My County Because Art Contest**

- Wonderful opportunity to bring art, youth, and county government together
- Deadline for submission- May 1, 2022
  - More info at [NACo.ORG/ART](https://www.naco.org/art)

#### **Youth Committee Update**

- Youth Committee met on Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 4:00 pm
  - Next Meeting Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, via zoom
  - 22 teen ambassadors serving on Youth Committee

- Current school gaps – Clifton-Fine, Edwards-Knox, Madrid-Waddington, Hammond, Heuvelton, Hammond, Hermon-Dekalb, Morristown, Norwood-Norfolk, Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence Central
  - Alexa spoke at Superintendents meeting, they will help recruit within their schools
- **Sextortion and Teen Suicide Prevention Campaign launched week of 3/21/2022**
  - A Teen-Led Campaign with a 2 prong messaging
    - “Don’t Do It”
    - “You’ve Got a Place to Turn-There’s Help”
  - Video and Art Work Contest deadline Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>
    - Middle and High School students
    - Winning designs will be chosen for educating, advocating, and preventing teen suicide and sextortion while considering the following:
      - Be COURAGEOUS because YOU can get out of any situation
      - REACHOUT for help
      - Find an ADULT
      - There’s always HOPE
      - Don’t React... RETHINK
    - Teens to facilitate discussion, presentations, and teacher support materials
    - Local Law Enforcement and Human Service Agencies are mentoring teen ambassadors at their home schools
    - Alexa spoke at BOCES Superintendent’s Meeting on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>
    - Radio, newspaper, TV interviews with teen ambassadors
    - Teen Take Charge Magnets for all students in St. Lawrence County
    - YAB Board Member to help with disbursement of posters and magnets

### *Other Updates*

#### **SLC Suicide Awareness Coalition**

- Program planning for May-National Mental Health Awareness Month and September for National Suicide Awareness Walk
  - Next meeting April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4:00pm

#### **2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trash Dash**

- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Saturday 4/30 Gouverneur and Potsdam
  - Sunday 5/1 Canton, Ogdensburg, and Massena
  - Registration Deadline Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Global Youth Service Weekend- Cole submitted a \$500 grant request to Hershey’s
  - Travis Jordan, Reality Check Coordinator with Seaway Valley Prevention, has partnered with this initiative
  - Board members participation is appreciated at site grounds to provide safety rules and guidelines
    - Alaina volunteered to help at Massena site
    - Lindsay volunteered to help at Gouverneur site
    - Tricia volunteered to help at Canton site
    - Rosemarie volunteered to help at Ogdensburg site
      - If you are available to help please let us know

#### **YAB Board Members**

- Opportunities, Roles, and Responsibilities
- Youth Committee Ambassador Mentorship and Check ins
  - Have board members team up with a youth committee member to be a mentor.
    - Members agreed this is a great idea
    - Amber also suggested connecting Youth Committee Youth with Foster Youth in the schools to be a mentor.

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*Action Items*

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- Submit upcoming events to the Youth Bureau by Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for May newsletter content
  - April Youth Committee Meeting
    - Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm
      - Email Alexa if you would like the Zoom link
  - Connecting St. Lawrence County Youth Services Quarter 2 Meeting
    - Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm
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*Next Meeting*

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- Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3:00pm

**Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm**