

SLC Youth Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 3:00 pm via Zoom
Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm



Attendance

- **Attendees:** Amber Sullivan, Casey Canell, Joanne Sevick, Zachary Monroe, Alaina Goodrich, Patti Fisher, Kerri TenEyck, Casey Jones, Lindsay Best, Michael Hammond, Nicole Terminelli, Alexa Backus, and Rebekah Zuhlsdorf.
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Minutes

- **Minutes Approval:** March 31, 2022, YAB Minutes
Motion to approve by Lindsay Best, second by Joanne Sevick, Motion passed
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Youth Bureau Report

Monthly BYD (Bureau of Youth Development)

- Met on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022
 - OCFS has proposed changing the program year for YDP program funding from January 1 – December 31 to October 1 – September 30 for next year-2023
 - Northern Regional Member of ANYSYB Board of Directors
 - Quarterly meetings to start with Franklin, Clinton, Essex, and Hamilton counties, once Alexa is voted in at next meeting
 - New York State Governor's Youth Council
 - Thank you Joanne, Amber, Rosemarie, and Rebekah for judging our county applications
 - OCFS confirmed 2022 Allocations for YDP funding will remain the same at \$106,456
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New Business

Youth Committee Update

- Youth Committee met on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 4:00 pm
 - Next Meeting Sunday, May 15th at 4:00 pm, via zoom
 - Currently working on Universal Presentation that schools can use as part of our campaign
 - 22 teen ambassadors serving on YC
 - Current school gaps-Clifton-Fine, Edwards-Knox, Hammond, Hermon DeKalb, Morristown, Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence Central
- **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 6th
 - We are considering extending the deadline
 - 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
- Teen Take Charge Magnets for all students in St. Lawrence County
- **A Teen Led Virtual Workshop on Reducing the Stigma Associated with Mental Illness**
 - Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 19th at 7:00pm
 - Teens will be trained to facilitate the meeting
 - Materials provided by Community Services, similar to what was used last year

Other Updates

SLC Suicide Awareness Coalition

- September is National Suicide Awareness month. A Suicide Awareness Fall Festival is in the planning for Saturday, September 24th

2022 2nd Annual Trash Dash

- Saturday, April 30th and Sunday, May 1st
 - Saturday April 30th in Gouverneur and Potsdam
 - Sunday May 1 Canton, Ogdensburg, and Massena
 - 125 individuals registered
 - Global Youth Service Weekend- We received a \$500 grant from Hershey's and All State Foundation-Thanks Cole
 - Travis Jordan, Reality Check Coordinator with Seaway Valley Prevention, has partnered with this initiative
 - YAB 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
 - Keri volunteered to help in Ogdensburg

YAB Board Members

- Youth Committee Ambassador Mentorship and Check ins
 - Have board members team up with a youth committee member to be a mentor
 - More discussion after the wrap up of the teen sextortion and suicide prevention campaign

Action Items

- May Youth Committee Meeting
 - Sunday, May 15th at 4:00pm
 - Email Alexa if you would like the Zoom link
- Connecting St. Lawrence County Youth Services Quarter 3 Meeting
 - Tuesday, September 13th at 2:00pm
- Submit upcoming events to the Youth Bureau by Friday, April 29th, 2022 for May newsletter content
 - June Youth Bureau Newsletter submission deadline, May 31st, 2022

Next Meeting

- Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 3:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm