

Youth Advisory Board - 4th Quarter Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 19, 2024
5:30 pm at Human Services Building, Canton

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 pm. .

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Alexa Chase, Adam Simmons, Nicole Terminelli, Mike Hammond, Cynthia Mosier, Teena Pelkey, Trish Snyder, Danielle Lennox, Tamerra Bailey
- **Absent:** Casey Canell, Anant Bansal, Alaina Goodrich, Kat Manierre, Joanne Sevick, and guest Karli Thompson

Chair Adam Simmons confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes:

Trish Snyder motioned to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- April 9, 2024
- September 10, 2024
- September 19, 2024

Mike Hammond seconded the motion. All members confirmed, and the motion passed.

Youth Bureau Staffing Update:

- **Rebekah Zuhlsdorf** was promoted to Deputy Clerk in September. Congrats!
 - Alexa Chase requested to abolish the Secretary I position and create a Youth Development Program Coordinator. The job announcement for the new position was posted today and interviews will begin soon.
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Conference Updates (2024):

- **OCFS "Applying Youth Development within Youth Justice"** (September 24-25)
 - **SLC from Silos to Synergy:** Quarterly meetings were initiated to encourage interdepartmental collaboration. Adam Simmons provided positive feedback about the meeting.

- **Data Walks:** A review of May's (Youth) Needs Assessment, which has already led to a youth programming initiation by Public Health, including weightlifting opportunities.
 - **ANYSYB Director's Training (October 22) & Annual Youth Development Leadership Conference (October 23-24)**
 - Both events were well attended and impactful for youth development leaders.
 - **OMH SafeTALK Train-the-Trainer (October 28-29, Watertown)**
 - Alexa is now certified to offer SafeTALK classes, a three-hour suicide prevention training.
 - **2024 Suicide Prevention Conference (November 13)**
 - Lindsay Best presented on building long-term coalitions for suicide prevention.
 - **BYD (Bureau of Youth Development)**
 - Monthly meetings take place on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. This morning's meeting reviewed the year's conference and provided recommendations for future events.
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SLC Board of Legislators Meeting (November 18, 2024):

- Signed RAP Signature Page and Contracts for Youth Development Programs (YDP), Youth Services & Employment Fund (YSEF), and Youth Transitional Services (YTS).
 - Approved the creation of the Youth Development Program Coordinator position.
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2024 Program Reallocations:

- **Girls on the Run-Colton:** Original funding of \$5,000 reduced to \$3,000 due to staffing changes (Dana to Jennifer).
 - Reallocation recommendations:
 - Town of Louisville: $\$3,000 + \$1,083 = \$4,083$
 - Town of Fowler: $\$4,000 + \$917 = \$4,917$
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Youth Committee Updates:

- **Chair:** Anant Bansal
- **Co-Chair:** Angiolina Hukovic
- **Last Meeting:** November 17, 2024 (virtual via Zoom)
 - Perfect attendance with 16 participants!!
- **Next Meeting:** December 15, 2024, at 3:00 pm (in-person)
- **October Training:** Missy Stolfi from AFSP conducted "It's Real" Suicide Prevention training for Ambassadors.

Youth as Solutions (National Youth Leadership Council):

- A grant was awarded for a **Teen Safe Driving Service Project** to take place in February/March 2025.
- Topics include distracted driving, impaired driving, and seatbelt use.
- Surveys will be distributed soon for sophomores, juniors, and seniors, along with adult surveys for local agencies like the Sheriff's Department and Emergency Services.

Girl Scouts Annual Service Project:

- **45 duffle bags** purchased by the Youth Bureau will be filled with hygiene products by Girl Scouts for foster youth.
- Ambassadors will deliver the bags to Heuvelton on Thursday at 5:30 pm.

February ANYSYB Youth Leadership Forum and Legislative Day:

- **Dates:** February 3-4, 2025 (Monday and Tuesday)
- **10 Ambassadors** have expressed interest in attending.
- Chaperones and vehicle transportation was discussed.

2024 Annual Holiday Card Drive:

- **Homemade cards** are due back to the Youth Bureau by **Friday, December 13th**.
- Cards will be distributed to Office for the Aging meal recipients, hospitals, nursing homes, etc.

2025 5th Annual Trash Dash:

- **Dates:** Saturday and Sunday, May 3-4, 2025
 - Locations include Gouverneur, Potsdam, Massena, Ogdensburg, and Rensselaer Falls.
 - Save the date!
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Youth Homelessness Data Collection:

Tamera Bailey discussed the lack of available data on youth homelessness and requested support in gathering more local data. Nicole Terminelli and Mike Hammond suggested a resource at BOCES that could assist with this effort.

2025 YAB Quarterly Meetings:

- **February 11, 2025**
- **April 8, 2025**
- **September 9, 2025**
- **November 11, 2025**

All meetings will be held from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the **Human Services Upstairs Conference Room**.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at **6:18 pm**.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Human Services Building.