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Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Minutes of August 21, 2019

Scott Mathys-Co-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:02pm. The meeting was held at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Legislative Chambers.

Present: Scott Mathys-Co-Chairperson, Kallie Bauter-Vice-Chairperson and Student Representative South Lewis Central, Heather Puddington-Student Representative Beaver River, Katie Zehr, Cinda Suiter, Alyssa Brower-Student Representative Lowville Academy, Ward Dailey, and John Exford. **Excused:** Michele Ledoux, Kirstin Moshier-Co-Chairperson and Student Representative Lowville Academy, Mike Leviker, Rhonda Vanucchi, Deanna Edick and Peyton Walker-Student Representative Copenhagen Central. **Others Present:** Greg Kulzer-Legislator and Penny Moser, Director Lewis County Youth Bureau. **Guest Present:** Eileen Mathys, and Cassie Forbus and Tyre Smith from the UP! Community Coalition.

Introductions and Welcome:

Minutes: Due to a lack of quorum at the June 19, and July 17, 2019 the minutes were previously not acted on. Ward Dailey made a motion to accept the June 19, 2019 minutes as written; Heather Puddington seconded, **Motion Carried.** Katie Zehr made a motion to accept the July 17, 2019 minutes as written; Kallie Bauter seconded, **Motion Carried.**

United Prevention UP! Coalition of Lewis County – Zombie Run/Walk for Prevention:

Cassie Forbus, Coordinator of the United Prevention UP! Coalition of Lewis County provided an overview of the 1st Zombie Run/Walk in Lewis County. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 12th at the Lewis County Fairgrounds with a run start time of 9am. This is a new way to reach out to the community, educate the public on the dangers of using non-prescribed prescription drugs, and have a little fun in the process. Middle school and high school students will serve as zombies for this event and will attend a “Zombie Boot Camp” the week prior to the event to learn how to walk like a zombie, the rules for engaging the runners, as well as some evidence based, prevention programming. Runners will get a zombie-interactive experience as well as awareness messaging to jumpstart our year, long “Don’t be a Zombie” campaign centered around prescription drug and alcohol use in our county’s youth. Tyree from the UP! Coalition took the Youth Bureau through the Zombie Run/Walk Evacuation Plan-Map and explained the rules. The Up! Coalition is seeking donations of food, water or monetary donations to support the event.

Cassie and Tyree invited student representatives of the Youth Bureau to be in a TV commercial promoting the Zombie Run/Walk. **If you are interested, let Penny know right away as the TV commercial shoot will be scheduled for, sometime next week.**

Cassie announced that the UP! Coalition is partnering with Double Play Community Center on Fridays, beginning September 13, 2019 from 3:30pm to 8pm at Double Play Teen Center located at 7632 North State Street in Lowville. This Free Admission program is being offered to youth ages 12 – 17 where youth can just hang out, play games, or sing Scary Oke!

Old Business:

2019 Annual “Lewis County Night Out” Event – Friday, September 6, 2019 at the Lewis County Fairgrounds from 5:30pm to 7:30pm: The “Lewis County Night Out” Committee, is made up of Penny, Co-Chairperson Scott Mathys and CEO Lewis County Opportunities, Inc., Mike Leviker, Karen Boliver and Katie Zehr-Northern Regional Center for Independent Living, Chief Randy Roggie-Lowville Police Department, and Shawna Sealman-Cornell Cooperative Extension of Lewis County.

This year, Peyton Walker-Student Representative from Copenhagen Central School, will be our main speaker during the opening ceremony, that begins at 6pm. Thank you Peyton!

In the past during the opening ceremony we have recognized first responders and notable prevention agencies and community members, however this year the opening ceremony will be dedicated in memory of NYS Police K9 Will who was accidentally shot and killed in the line of duty. We will also be recognizing our local Police K9's and Therapy dogs to include: K9 Wyman from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office; K9 Ram from the NYS Police; Therapy Dog Moxy from Beaver River Central School; Therapy Dog Emelia from the Child Advocacy Center; and Therapy Dog Zora (who is currently in training) from Lewis County Search and Rescue.

Help needed before and after the event: If you can help with any items below, please let Penny know.

- 2 or 3 people to work at the door prize table (drawing names; writing the names on a white board, and giving the winners their prize.
- Someone to take pictures at the event
- 8 people to help set up tables and chairs (the day prior to the event, on Thursday, September 5th at 12:00 noon) at the Fairgrounds in the LeRoy Nichols Building. *Penny will contact Brian Finn, to see if he can secure some students from Lowville Academy to help set up the tables and chairs.
- 5-8 people to tear down the tables and chairs and clean up after the event

Updates from last meeting:

- Thank you to Co-Chairperson Mathys who was interviewed by Nick Altmire from Linking Lewis County regarding the LCNO event. The interview can be viewed at LinkingLewiscounty.org.

- Thank you to Katie Zehr for recording a LCNO radio spot with Penny at Flack Broadcasting.
- Thank you to Mike Leviker who has helped in so many ways, specifically with securing law enforcement agencies to participate in the event.
- A Special thank you to Elleen Mathys who is not an official Youth Bureau member, however she comes to our meetings and has volunteered to be our Stage Director during the LCNO opening ceremony. THANK YOU ELLEEN!

Monitoring of 2019 OCFS/Youth Bureau Funded Program:-Reminder: If you elected to monitor a 2019 Municipality Run Summer Recreation Program, the monitoring needs to be completed by the end of August. Those who elected to monitor programs that run year to year, need to be completed by December 31, 2019. **Listed below are then names of Youth Bureau Board members and the program that they elected to monitor:**

Municipality Run Summer Recreational Programs (monitoring needs to be completed by end of August):

- Town of Croghan – Beaver Falls Beach – Summer Recreation Program – **Kirstin Moshier**
- Town of Greig – Summer Recreation Program – **Kallie Bauter**
- Village of Croghan – Summer Recreation Program – **Scott Mathys**
- Village of Lowville - Summer Recreation Program – **Katie Zehr**
- Village of Port Leyden – Summer Recreation Program – **Kallie Bauter**

Year-Round Programs (monitoring needs to be completed by December 31,2019):

- Lowville Police Department-Youth Aid Officer Program – **Peyton Walker and Penny**
- Town of Diana-Harrisville Recreation Program – **Scott Mathys**
- Lewis County Sheriff's Office – Juvenile Aid Officer Program – **Need Someone to Monitor**
- Mountain View Prevention Services – Youth Advocate Program – **Mike Leviker**
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Safe Harbour-Seed Funding-Update: In January 2012, New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) received funding in the New York State Budget to support Safe Harbour legislation. The NYS Safe Harbour for Exploited Children Act of 2008 protects commercially sexually exploited children by recognizing them as victims and paves the way for better outcomes. NY aims to enable New York's child welfare and allied youth service systems to screen, identify, and respond effectively to the needs of children and youth trafficked for sex and/or labor and improve system responses. Key elements of Safe Harbour: NY Include: Supporting the development of county plans that include the development of: Local multi-disciplinary responses through a Critical Team; Gaps analysis; county-wide training plans; public awareness campaigns and direct youth outreach materials; Referral pathways for identified victims to access appropriate services; provision of training on CSEC and child trafficking tailored to child welfare professionals and ongoing technical assistance with partners. To develop an effective county-level response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children and child trafficking, a local network of stakeholders must jointly address system challenges. ***Steps to Develop a "Critical Team":*** Identify local stakeholders; identify a lead agency responsible for ongoing facilitation; designate a county Child Trafficking

Coordinator; develop a county-wide asset map; identify needs and service gaps; and adopt necessary protocols and procedures. *Penny has invited key community stakeholders to the kick off meeting to include: Scott Mathy-CEO of Lewis County Opportunities Inc., Deanna Edick and or Jennifer Jones from Lewis County Department of Social Services, and Pat Fralick from Lewis County Community Services to attend the September 26, 2019 Safe Harbour Kick Off Training for Lewis, Hamilton, and Essex Counties. The kick-off training will provide a 101 presentation on Human Trafficking and Questions & Answer session about the Safe Harbour program.*

Lyons Falls Farmers Market-Update: Justine from the Lyons Falls Farmers Market had requested a representative from the Youth Bureau have an informational table at the June 18th “Kids Day” at the Lyons Falls Farmers Market. Nathan DeSantis, former Youth Bureau Student Representative, volunteered to represent the youth bureau at the event where he showcased the upcoming LCNO event and handed out “Save the Dates.”

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Lewis County Youth Bureau has been scheduled for **Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 4:00pm at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2nd Floor in the Legislative Chambers.**

Adjournment: Cinda Suiter moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm. Heather Puddington seconded. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
Penny L. Moser, Director
Lewis County Youth Bureau