

Youth Services Network Meeting

January 13, 2025 9:15-10:35am

Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County

Notes

- 1) **Introductions/Welcome** were completed.
- 2) **Review November 13, 2024 minutes** – no changes were suggested.
- 3) **Guest presenters** – both presenters shared a power point presentation with the Youth Services Network describing programs and services in full detail. A copy of the power points was shared through the youth services network list serv following the meeting.

NCPPC Family Opportunity Center, Meghan Flint

House of Good Shepard, Kurt Widrick

- 4) **Program updates** –

Zoo NY shared they are offering a winter break camp for youth ages 4 – 12 and each day will be capped at 25 youth. Each day is a different topic, and families can sign up for the day(s) or the week. There is a fee. They are looking for vendors for Earth Day on 4/19/25. They are looking for people or organizations to sponsor animal. They continue to offer a home school group on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Q Center will have fluctuations in hours as they have a staff person going out on leave for a little while. Peer support groups continue to be offered in-person and virtually. Referrals are accepted. A queer and allies young professional peer networking group is being offered.

Crystal Collet is the new CEO for Planned Parenthood. There is an event – We Rise 1-5pm following the Presidential Inauguration to support the ever-changing future. Hygiene products are still in high demand and donations are being accepted. This is 100% supported by donations.

VAC CAC has their annual masquerade ball at the Edgewood in Alex Bay on 4/5/25. On 9/23/25 at the Hilton is the annual Closed Doors conference. The staff are available for community outreach for both youth and staff.

Melissa Shova shared that the SoZo Teen Center is open Monday – Friday 2:30-8pm with an average daily attendance of 28 and average stay is three hours. They annually serve 150 unduplicated youth.

Encompass Recreation is holding their 3rd annual basketball game on 2/2/25. A Teen Plus Club focusing on social interaction is occurring, as well as a Tinker Club that is STEM based. They are holding a golf tournament fundraiser on 8/4/25 at the TI golf course. In '24 they offered 175 different opportunities and served 1,500 youth.

BOCES plan is to start services in the Globe Mini Mall by the Fall of '25.

Nicholle Lacey shared that the '25 contracts are out with funded organizations to review and sign. Recreation scholarships remain available to families for their child(ren).

NCPPC shared that they continue to have open positions. They do have a Youth Mental Health First Aid trainer if anyone wants to schedule a training. All of their events are on FB.

April Bennett shared that the evidence-based Strengthening Families program has started, and we can take additional families. She also shared we have an open position within this program.

4-H Camp Wabasso is celebrating 75 years! The next Egg Extravaganza is 4/12/25. Camp registration opened on 1/1/25. An upcoming winter weekend camp is 1/17/25 and we have a few available openings.

4-H Afterschool needs staff at the WCSD sites. We will be holding February break camps at Wiley Intermediate, IR Intermediate and LaFargeville from 2/18 – 2/21 at no cost to families. We have identified several grants where we have written funding for 1:1 and small group support for high need youth. One we have received and one we are waiting on.

Betsy Hennesey suggested to the group bringing presenters in to talk about Snow Town USA, Juneteenth Festival and NYS DOL Summer Youth employment programming.

5) **Other** – see below under meeting presenters.

6) 2025 meeting dates, West Room at CCE, 9:15am

3/17/25

5/12/25

9/8/25

11/17/25

March presenter – Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Jefferson County’s Nutrition Program and The Workplace, Summer Youth Employment Program (still need to confirm and coordinate this one).

May presenter – NNY Planned Parenthood and ACR Health, Social Climate Change presentation (still need to confirm and coordinate both).

September presenter – CHJC Community School Liaison program, Chelsea Suarez (confirmed with Chelsea at the meeting 1/13/25).

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie Graf