

Youth Services Network Meeting

March 11, 2024 9:15 – 10:50am

YMCA new location Arsenal Street

Notes

- 1) Introductions/Welcome did not happen.
- 2) Review January 8, 2024 minutes – minutes were not reviewed.
- 3) Guest presenters –

Walking tour of the new YMCA facility – Ron Newman

The Youth Services Network was provided a full tour of the new YMCA facilities.

Volunteer Transportation Center – Jeremiah Papineau

On average there are 350 volunteer drivers covering Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. The drivers are not paid, but they do receive reimbursement for mileage. The charitable rate for reimbursement is \$.50. Transportation is provided for medical, dental, life sustaining appointments and once a month for groceries. VTC conducts numerous fundraisers annually – several golf tournaments, chili cook off, purse auction, trap shoot and more. VTC started in the 1990s and became the Volunteer Transportation Center in 1996. There is not cost to clients. VTC offers an In A Box program to train other areas on how to administer a program like they offer. In 2023 25,314 trips were provided. In Jefferson County 329,819 miles, Lewis County 101,766 miles and 423,886 miles in St. Lawrence County. A total of 250,000 hours. The Chili Cook Off funds raised are for military veterans and family members. VTC is always recruiting volunteer drivers. Travel can be to Burlington, VT, Albany, NYC, Syracuse, etc. VTC has a small fleet of vehicles. VTC is working on a county wide bus system. VTC does operate Monday – Sunday. After a client submits an application they need to wait 48 hours for assistance and VTC likes a 48 hour notice for travel help needed by clients.

- 4) Program updates – due to time these were not done.
- 5) Other –
- 6) 2024 meeting dates, West Room at CCE

May 13, 2024 Alisa O’Hagan, NCLS, Flower Memorial Library??

September 9, 2024 NCPPC Family Opportunity Center would like to present.

November 4, 2024

Respectfully submitted,
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