



Tompkins County Youth Services Board
April 29, 2019
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Human Services Building - Beverly Livesay Conference Room
320 W. State Street, Ithaca NY 14850
Parking on W. Seneca Street
Staff Members: Bridgette Nugent

Meeting Agenda

5:00	Call to Order	Kathy Servoss
5:05	Introductions and Welcome	All
5:10	Guest: GIAC	Deputy Director, Kerry Phillips
5:20	Approve December, January, February Minutes (Vote)	Kathy Servoss
5:25	Assigned Updates from Board Members – New for 2019! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What has been going on in your community/area of expertise that the Board should know? • Bernice - May Other updates from Board Members	Barbara Sandovnic
5:30	Departmental Updates	Kate Shanks-Booth
6:20	Three takeaways: As a board member I can share the following things about the work of the Youth Services Department this month:	All

Additional Information/Upcoming Meetings:

Meeting Date	Time	Location	Topics
Monday, May 20	5:00 p.m.	Bev Livesay Conf. Room	

2019 Goals: 1) Fill Roster 2) Advocacy 3) Successful Onboarding of New TCYS Director

Tompkins County Youth Services Board
Minutes
February 25, 2019

Present: Bernice Yarosh, Kathy Servoss, Patty Van de Bogart, Ronny Hardaway, Ian Schachner, Barbara Sadovnic, Khaki Wunderlich, Shawna Black, Pete Angie, Karlem Sivia Gimenez

Excused: Lisa Campbell, Kelly Suave

Absent: Jen Foote-Dean

Guest: Eden DeYoung (potential Newfield representative)

Staff: Bridgette Nugent

Meeting called to order by Kathy at 5:05 p.m.

Changes to Agenda:

Kerry Phillips from GIAC not able to attend meeting, will have her present at a future date.

Minutes:

December and January minutes were not approved due to quorum not being obtained. No changes to January minutes requested.

Assigned Updates from Board Members – Patty Van de Bogart

Patty provided updates on the following from Tompkins Cortland Community College:

- A new systems upgrade will display students' names as requested by students. This is specifically relevant for those students who may be transgendered and/or victims of violence. They will now see their preferred name when they log into their online portal.
- Several dialogues and trainings are being offered at TC3 around issues of privilege/race/class/gender and implicit bias. Sponsored by the Interfaith Council, the goal of these activities is to foster honest and respectful dialogue among students and faculty/staff. 83 students have been trained thus far to be facilitators and it has been a very well received and meaningful program.
- TC3 participated in the SUNY "We've Got Your Back" bag stuffing activity, which puts together comfort/toiletry bags for survivors of violence. Several hundred bags were put together as a result of this event.
- A food pantry has been opened in the main building of TC3, which allows any student/faculty/staff to visit each day and, using a points-based system, take the food that they need. Over 300 students have visited the pantry.
- Lime Bikes are now on campus.
- There is now a dedicated office for Mental Health services.
- There will be a student leadership diversity retreat in coming months.
- New Recovery Rooms staffed with recovery specialists will allow students in recovery a place to spend time, connect with others, in a sober environment.
- There are new policies and trainings in place for bystander intervention. No one will be penalized if they seek assistance for someone else who may be under the influence of drugs/alcohol and need medical attention.
- TC3 is also undergoing its Strategic Planning process and a survey has been sent out to multiple outlets, all are encouraged to provide their input on how to ensure TC3 is successful.

Other Updates from Board Members:

Shawna Black shared the following updates from the County Legislature:

- Funding for a second full time Outreach Worker on the Commons has been approved. This is a position staffed by Family and Children's Service of Ithaca and is a partnership between the County, City of Ithaca, and Downtown Ithaca Alliance. It seeks to address the needs of individuals who may be homeless or

otherwise asking passersby for assistance on the Commons. The current Outreach Worker reports working with nearly 200 people on a regular basis, and the workload is simply too much for one person.

- The Alcohol & Drug Council has opened an Open Access facility on Triphammer Rd., which will soon operate 24/7 for those individuals in need of substance abuse treatment. The goal is to eventually have a 40-bed detox unit in this facility. Shawna and others will be visiting Albany tomorrow to lobby around this issue.
- The Code Blue statute, which is currently a NYS funded mandate, allows anyone who needs shelter to access it if the temperature drops below 32 degrees. Currently, one would contact 211 and be connected with St. John's Homeless Services/Shelter. Two churches in the community are also set to house homeless individuals, while others are placed in area hotel/motels. In recent weeks, 182 people are being housed each night in Tompkins County.

Next month Ian Schachner will be talking largely about the costs of higher education and its impact.

Finalize and Discuss 2019 Goals:

As a follow up to January's meeting, a Google Drive spreadsheet/database has been created to allow all board members to make updates on a regular basis their work on the recruitment/advocacy goals. In pairs, Board members worked to come up with specific ideas for recruitment/outreach and wrote them down in the spreadsheet format. Bridgette will enter these into the Google spreadsheet and it is expected that each board member will take on at least one "assignment" in this regard over the next quarter. In her absence, Lisa Campbell emailed some outreach efforts/updates to Bridgette that will be added to the spreadsheet as examples.

Karlem volunteered to assist with any graphic design/marketing efforts to have something to send out to discuss the work of the board.

It was suggested that a plug for the Board be mentioned at the upcoming Pitch Program event, as two board members were recruited from this event last year.

March 30th Retreat Ideas:

The Board determined that a presentation on current and emerging mental health issues among youth would be a helpful and engaging topic for the March 30th Retreat. Khaki will reach out to Sharon McDougall and other contacts around this to see if she can confirm a speaker. The Retreat is scheduled from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 30th and will be a breakfast potluck.

Departmental Updates:

- Pitch Program will occur from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. on March 13th at Hotel Ithaca. All Board Members invited to attend.
- Kate Shanks Booth will be joining the Youth Services Department as Director on March 11th, the staff have selected Monday, March 25th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. as the informal Meet & Greet event. This will occur in the Beverly Livesay conference room. Board members, agency partners, county legislators, and other Department heads will be invited to drop by and introduce themselves.
- SafeTalk Suicide Prevention training was postponed from February date due to weather. Will now be hosting two sessions on April 3rd to accommodate those who had previously signed up and the waitlist. Board members are encouraged to share training announcements when appropriate and to contact department staff with any questions or if they would like more information on a specific training.
- Shannon will be busy gearing up for Summer Youth Employment monitoring, with efforts to connect youth employment agencies with each other and to coordinate resources effectively.
- The Community Coalition on Healthy Youth will be meeting on March 14th with invited guests to discuss what work will look like around preparing for marijuana legalization in New York State. Stay tuned for more planning information around this.
- Student Survey Data has been compiled and will be rolled out to school districts on the March 29th Data Day at TST BOCES. YS Department will then be rolling out county-level data to public and interested stakeholders.

Three takeaways:

Board members shared items they can share with the other groups they work with and/or elected officials around the work of Youth Services:

- Onboarding of new Director will be a focus for staff and board
- Recruitment ideas will be added to spreadsheet and updated as members take on different activities
- Mental health will be the topic of focus during the March 30th Board Retreat.

Adjournment: 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bridgette Nugent

**Tompkins County Youth Services Board
Minutes
January 28, 2019**

Present: Bernice Yarosh, Kathy Servoss, Patty Van de Bogart, Ronny Hardaway, Lisa Campbell, Ian Schachner, Kelly Suave, Barbara Sadovnic, Khaki Wunderlich

Excused: Shawna Black, Pete Angie, Karlem Sivia Gimenez

Absent: Jen Foote-Dean

Staff: Bridgette Nugent, Janice Johnson

Meeting called to order by Kathy at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes:

December minutes were not approved due to quorum not being obtained.

Assigned Updates from Board Members – Ronny Hardaway

The Executive Committee presented a new method of reporting updates from members to the Advisory Board. Each month, an assigned board member will provide more in-depth updates from their community and/or area of expertise as they relate to youth/issues facing youth. It is the aim of this new activity to increase awareness of the skills/strengths/connections each board member brings to the Advisory Board to and to foster discussion around youth issues throughout the county.

Ronny Hardaway provided updates on the following from the Village of Lansing:

- The Village does not currently have real youth committees but there are several initiatives that involve youth at the municipal level for example:
 - Youth volunteers working with the Learning Web provide landscaping services at municipal buildings
 - Village and other municipality staff are always open to inviting and mentoring youth around municipal issues and what is involved in working at that level of local government
 - This idea was met with great interest amongst members, as a potential idea/project to look into.
 - The Greenway Committee, which develops green spaces throughout the Village, encourages youth to be involved in the monitoring and maintenance of these spaces.
- Ronny has had multiple conversations with municipal staff & residents around CSEC awareness when he has displayed CSEC materials at public locations. Many individuals are not aware that CSEC is an issue facing Tompkins County youth.
- Running to Places, a youth-led and youth-focused theatre company is renovating the old movie theatre in Lansing to provide a permanent space for this program/project. They have been very successful in soliciting financial and in-kind donations. This program serves middle school-high school aged youth and engages them in planning all components of a theatre production. Another

benefit is that college-aged students who have gone through the program become mentors to youth currently in the program.

- Ronny reached out to Frank Towner, CEO of the YMCA for updates on their current youth programming and received the following:
 - YMCA offers before and after school sessions for youth, including in Dryden and Groton
 - Ages 15+ lifeguarding courses (open water and pool)
 - Summer Camp Counselor in Training Program
 - The YMCA will be sharing the soon-to-be completed Lansing sports field as well

The sign-up sheet for future meetings was passed around and board members selected the month in which they would present.

Other Updates from Board Members:

Lisa Campbell shared that she, with other community members, is working to coordinate resources in Lansing to serve underserved youth. She has engaged with all school principals and will be meeting with the school superintendent soon on these ideas/initiatives.

Barbara Sadovnic shared that, with Janice Johnson's assistance, she was able to present a comparison of county summer camp fees to the Town of Enfield Board to demonstrate that Enfield's summer camp fee was on par with other similar camps. She has also been requested by the Town Board to submit quarterly youth-services reports, which Janice has seen and assisted with.

Goal Planning for 2019:

Kathy outlined that, in small groups, the board would revisit the 2018 goals, the board's progress on those goals, and what goals would be selected for 2019. After small group discussion, the board shared feedback and came to an agreement that the following would be goals of 2019:

- **Board Recruitment/Fill Roster**
 - Strategic recruitment methods via newsletters, professional networking events, etc.
- **Advocacy**
 - Attend community events
 - Develop materials to be easily shared with community & potential board members
- **Successful onboarding of new Youth Services Director**
 - Plan a possible meet and greet with partners and board members for the new director
 - Engage with County Administration to ensure smooth onboarding

For all 2019 goals, it was clear that a database needed to be created that allowed all board members to make updates on a regular basis their work on the recruitment/advocacy goals. Bridgette will start and share a Google Drive Sheet to begin this tracking process. Specific suggestions brainstormed by the Board during this meeting will also be outlined in this document.

Departmental Updates:

- 10 projects were selected to move forward in the Pitch Program, which will take place the afternoon into the evening of March 13, 2019.
- The Governor announced his Executive Budget, which presented level funding for statewide Youth Development funding, Runaway & Homeless Youth funding, and a slight increase to Summer Youth Employment funding to cover the rising cost of minimum wage. Bridgette will continue to update the Board on statewide budget as it makes its way through the legislature.
- 2018 Agency RBA Report Cards will be published to the TCYS website by Friday, February 1st. Bridgette will send email announcement for members to review and bring any questions/comments to February meeting.
- Bridgette shared the 2018 one-slide YS Department Accomplishments that will be shared with the County Administrator and County Legislature.

- February (Suicide Prevention) and March (Growth Mindset) trainings have been announced. February's training met capacity within a week of posting, indicating a high need for this type of training in the community.
- Please follow/share us on social media! Send any ideas of what the department should be sharing to Shannon Alvord or other staff of the TCYSD!

The Board agreed that **Saturday, March 30th from 9-11:00 a.m.** would be the best date for the annual board retreat. The Bev. Livesay room will be booked.

Three takeaways:

Board members shared items they can share with the other groups they work with and/or elected officials around the work of Youth Services:

- Trainings are in high demand, and should continue to be offered/promoted
- 2018 goals are still relevant for 2019
- A Database will be created to track progress towards 2019 goals to be shared with all board members

Adjournment: 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Bridgette Nugent

**Tompkins County Youth Services Board
Minutes
December 17, 2018**

Present: Bernice Yarosh, Kathy Servoss, Patty Van de Bogart, Ronny Hardaway, Jen Foote-Dean, Shawna Black, Pete Angie, Lisa Campbell, Ian Schachner, Karlem Sivia Gimenez, Kelly Suave, Barbara Sadovnic

Staff: Bridgette Nugent, Janice Johnson, Theresa Albert, Shannon Alvord

Guest: Khaki Wunderlich

Meeting called to order by Kathy at 4:44 p.m.

Introductions and Welcome:

Kathy opened the meeting by stating that they would move to vote on agenda items as quorum was obtained.

Minutes:

June Minutes

Lisa moved to accept the June minutes as written. Patty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

September Minutes

Ian moved to accept the September minutes as written. Patty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

October Minutes

Lisa moved to accept the October minutes as written. Patty seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

November Minutes

Kelly moved to accept the November minutes as written. Ronny seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Slate of Officers:

Lisa moved to accept the slate of officers for 2019, as presented at the November meeting:

Kathy Servoss – Chair

Patty VandeBogart – Vice -Chair

Ronny Hardaway - Secretary

Ian seconded.

Lisa expressed her gratitude and appreciation for those willing to serve as officers. Others echoed that sentiment. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Appointments:

Ronny moved to accept the reappointment of Patty VandeBogart as an At-Large representative of the Board. Barbara seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Patty moved to accept the application of Khaki Wunderlich as an At-Large representative of the Board. Ian seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Recruitment:

- Vacancies: Caroline, Danby, Newfield, and 4 At-large/youth seats.
- Khaki's appointment will be voted on by County Legislature on December 18th.
- Eden DeYoung is in the process of completing her application to be a representative of Newfield.

Ian asked the group what skills/experience the Board was seeking in new members as he has some interested individuals. Board members and staff mentioned experience in the education field, and individuals who are engaged, and looking to take action. Discussion was also had around the importance of having a more diverse board.

Suggestions for opportunities to connect with potential board members included Jump On Board through Tompkins Connect, and the Professional People of Color networking events.

Departmental Updates:

- Shawna Black and Kathy Servoss provided an update on the Youth Services Director search, which is in process.
- Bridgette stated that the Department is wrapping up 2018 financially and collecting data for the department's RBA measures. Processes have been developed and implemented to gather the required feedback from training attendees, municipal youth commissions, and funded agencies that are required to track RBA progress.
- Shannon and Janice shared information on upcoming trainings in 2019, which are advertised via email and on the TCYS' website. Staff are always open to training ideas that would benefit youth-workers and other members in the community.
- TCYS continues to promote the 2019 Pitch Program, seeking applicants for the funding and coaches/panelists.

Three takeaways:

Board members shared items they can share with the other groups they work with and/or elected officials around the work of Youth Services:

- Promoting Pitch Program 2019
- Update on Youth Services Director Search
- Send training ideas to TCYS staff

Adjournment: 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Bridgette Nugent