



Tompkins County Youth Services Board

Minutes: February 26, 2018

Present: Bernice Yarosh, Kathy Servoss, Pete Angie, Barbara Sadovnic, Lisa Campbell, Patty Vandebogart, Ronny Hardaway

Excused: Shawna Black

Staff: Francisco Paler-Large

Tompkins Youth Services Board Meeting February 26, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm Kathy welcomed everyone.

Updates: Pete mentioned that the YMCA is giving free memberships to 1st graders. Lisa said she would put it in her newsletter.

Reminder about retreat on **3/10 at 9 am** in the Bev Livesay conference room. It is bring a dish to pass. Sign-up sheet will be sent out

Minutes: Kathy moved to approve minutes, Lisa seconded, approved.

Youth Employment in Tompkins County: Francisco

The survey of respondents identified that the barriers in Tompkins County are similar to those that youth identify nationally. Job Corps remains the most successful model. Educational components as well as trade training are important to a young person's success in sustaining employment. The report is nearly finished and will be presented to the commissioning partner before being released publicly. Discussion was had about apprenticeships and the hope is that in our agency rich region we would be able to use some of the recommendations in the report to look at current practices.

Advocacy: Brainstormed by group

It means making TCYSD more visible at public events in the community. It means advocating to those who hold the money as well. Pete pointed out that individuals have skills in either realms and we should utilize those strengths.

Questions for Joanne:

- Should we focus on all of it? (Not just who we fund)
- How do identify where we focus?
- Is it top down advocacy or do we push it up through?
- How do we make sure that youth know that there are services available to them?
- Do we reach out to state legislators as was done in the past?
- What would we like to get out of the retreat?
- Advocacy topics: funding, staffing, municipalities, agencies
- What do other boards do that works?

There was a discussion about building stronger relationships in municipalities so that there was a stronger advocating force. What are barriers in individual municipalities?

Thinking about advocacy using the AYR to inform decisions is important and it may help focus efforts. Cheyenne had a list of events that she attended to push the 40th celebration this may be good to look at for ideas of where to advocate. Having full membership at the table is important to advocacy so that there is representation of the unique county needs.

Staffing:

Dave will be going to county administrator's office continuing his work on county RBA measures and Criminal Justice coordinator
Kris announced her retirement.

Pitch Contest:

Those who attended were very pleased with the diversity and knowledge of the judges. Panel seemed very balanced. Funders got to hear what the works was from those that had their "boots on the ground". It was recommended that we try for these funds again.

Resource allocation:

Resource allocation needs 3 or more volunteers. Pete, Patty, Lisa

- Looking at a cost of living increase
- Admin assistance for Rural Youth Services

Submitted by Francisco Paler-Large