

**Youth Advisory Board
3-11-09 Meeting Minutes Approved**

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Call to Order Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Advisory Board Membership 	<p>Introductions: Board members present introduced themselves.</p>	<p>Call to Order at 4:07 p.m.</p> <p>Members Present: Karen Bage Lisa Bartalo, Casey Canell, Jim Connor, Jai Fiacco, Terri Gilmour, Jeff Rorick, Joanne Sevick</p>
<p>Minute Approval</p>	<p>December 15, 2008 - The board members present discussed holding off on submitting Gabe Hinkley's Biographical data sheet for Youth Advisory Board appointment until we know the status of everything that is going on with the Youth Bureau.</p>	<p>December 15, 2008 Minutes</p> <p>Gabe Hinkley's biographical data form for appointment to the Youth Advisory Board will be held until we know the status of everything that is going on with the Youth Bureau. The Youth Bureau will write Mr. Hinkley a note to let him know the status of his appointment.</p> <p>Motion to Approve: Jai Fiacco Second: Terri Gilmour All other YAB members present were in favor</p>
<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>On 12/2/08 the Youth Bureau office spoke to Dorna Hathaway, Edwards/Russell Recreation Program Director. Ms. Hathaway wanted to know how she could receive more funding for their program and she stated that she would like to come and talk to the board about their program. She wondered if she could set up a time to come in.</p>	<p>No action will be taken on this until the Youth Bureau receives notification from OCFS on whether or not there will be funding available for 2009.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<p>Jai Fiacco reported out that the Heuvelton Leo Club has been selected as the 2008 Karin P. Martin Award winner.</p> <p>The Youth Advisory Board membership would like a copy of the Heuvelton Leo Club application.</p>	<p>The Youth Bureau will call the Heuvelton Leo Club and set up a date for the award ceremony.</p> <p>The Youth Bureau will forward a copy of the Heuvelton Leo Club application to the Youth Advisory Board membership.</p>
<p>Youth Bureau Report</p>	<p>YOUTH PROGRAM BLOCK GRANT UPDATE – MARCH 2009</p> <p>OCFS: There has been some back stepping in terms of the block grant idea. Right now there are three options on the table:</p> <p>1) YB system and policies and procedures will stay in place.</p>	

2) The YB system, policies, and procedures will remain in effect for 2009 and be put back on the table in 2010.

3) The YPBG will happen. If the Youth Program Block Grant does go through OCFS has a plan in place for what goes to the County. They are also working on a revised formula if the Block Grant does not go through because there will still be a 33% cut put into place. If there is no block grant the rules and regulations and Executive Law will stay in place. A ruling from the Comptroller's office stated that SDPP (direct contracts with the State) needed 90 day notice before they lost funding and they only had one day. Thus, the Comptroller ruled that legally 90 day notice was required and NYS had to fund these programs through the first quarter.

This funding does not deal with anyone in the Northern SLC Region or their funds. The 1.6 billion dollars in cuts that were just instituted did not affect us, but get in 2008 claims ASAP!

All new fiscal people in Albany and they are enforcing regulations the way they should have been all these years, that is why so much paperwork (claims) are being returned. OCFS will be losing staff people in the next two years and they will not be replaced, so they are reaching out to the Youth Bureaus to ask how OCFS can better serve them. OCFS wants to know what is missing from their service: info, training, technology, assistance, etc. They are trying to make all the systems uniform instead of different from region to region.

There was a tentative OCFS meeting on February 25th from 9am-12pm; letters went to the County Chief Elected Official and someone decided upon any 6 people they would like to bring to the meeting. OCFS did suggest that they bring some Youth Bureau directors, DSS employees, etc to the meeting. The YB Director was not invited. The budget, mergers and the block grant formula are some of the things that were discussed.

There has been no response to the advocacy letters thus far. Albany may be waiting until the stimulus package has passed to decide about cuts, etc. There should be more information about the NYS budget now that the package has been passed.

If the Youth Block Grant goes through a lead agency would have to be appointed by the County. Department of Social Services may be interested in becoming the lead agency as they are losing administration costs.

The question was asked if the Youth Program Block Grant did go through how does the county feel about that and the Youth Bureau.

The Youth Bureau believes that it has the support of the BOL and the Programs in St. Lawrence County that receive funding.

The County Administrator has told the Youth Bureau Director that she is in support

	<p>of the Youth Program Block Grant going to the Youth Bureau as the lead agency.</p> <p>Advocacy letters have been very positive.</p> <p>The question was asked if the Youth Bureau knows when a decision will be made regarding the Youth Program Block Grant. As of right now we are being told that Governor Patterson is saying that it will be April 1, 2009.</p> <p>The Governor has been and is still holding Town Hall meetings.</p> <p>The Youth Bureau has submitted a resolution opposing Governor Patterson's Proposed Youth Program Block Grant to the Board of Legislators. If this resolution is passed it will be forwarded on to Governor Patterson's office.</p> <p>Discover Your Future Here Internship – Right now this program will not be happening again this year.</p> <p>Youth Conservation Corps Program will continue this year.</p> <p>Office of Economic Development will have Youth Summer Programs this year as well.</p> <p>Jim Connor reported out that they hope to serve up to 300 youth this year through WIA, TANF and the stimulus package. The stimulus package will allow them to serve up to 24 year olds. They will be doing their summer employment opportunities as well as looking at doing a private sector internship and a job readiness training program. This is the 1st year in many years that they will have funding to run a large program.</p>	
Old Business	Nothing at this time.	
New Business	<p>Chair and Co-Chair appointments were discussed. Christopher Hayes was nominated to be appointed as the Chair. Jai Fiacco was nominated to be appointed as the Co-Chair.</p> <p>The Youth Advisory Board members were asked who would like to volunteer to be on the Resource Allocation Committee.</p> <p>Community Service Brigade is starting up. If you know of anyone who needs help with spring clean up or other community service projects have them contact the Youth Bureau. Community Service Brigade can help elderly, private organizations, churches, municipalities.</p> <p>The Youth Bureau Director thanked the Youth Advisory Board Members for their support and for all of the petitions they had signed in support of the Youth Bureau.</p>	Christopher Hayes was not present at this meeting so the board will push the appointment of a new chair and co-chair to the next regular Youth Advisory Board meeting.
Next Meetings	To be Announced	The next meeting will be the Karin P. Martin Award Ceremony. The Youth

		Bureau will notify the Youth Advisory Board Members when a date has been selected.
Meeting Adjourned		4:40 p.m. Motion to Approve: Terri Gilmour Second: Jeff Rorick

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