



## LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

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### Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board

Minutes of May 16, 2018

Madeline Lehman-Vice Chairperson and Student Representative from Lowville Academy, called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. The meeting was held at the Lewis County Court House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the Legislative Chambers.

**Present:** John Exford, Madeline Lehman, Kirstin Moshier-Student Representatives-Lowville Academy, Tara Martin and Victoria Boliver-Student Representative Beaver River Central, Ward Dailey, Michele Ledoux, Brian Finn, Libby McGuire-Student Representative South Lewis Central; Kimmy Dolan and Annabelle Atnip-Student Representatives Copenhagen Central; Deanna Edick, Officer Luke Monnat and Mike Leviker. **Others Present:** Randy LaChausse and Thomas Osborne-Legislators and Penny (Demo) Moser, Director Lewis County Youth Bureau. **Excused:** Jacob Hartle-Co-Chair and Student Representative from Harrisville Central, Rhonda Vanucchi, Scott Mathys, Journee Allen-Student Representative Harrisville Central, and John Lehman-Chairperson Legislative Committee. **Guest Present:** Chloe Benson and Justine Schmidt students at Harrisville Central School; Kathy Lehman, Matt Lastowski, and Charles Fowler.

#### Introductions and Welcome:

**Minutes:** Review of the **April 18, 2018** board meeting minutes. **Kirsten moved to accept the minutes as written; Victoria Boliver seconded; Passed.**

#### Old Business:

**2018 County Project Funds (\$5,000)-Awarding of Funds:** During the 2018 budget process the Lewis County Youth Bureau was allocated \$5,000 in “County Project Funding.” These funds are to be used to support existing or new, youth programs/projects in Lewis County. These funds **must** be used to support direct services to and for youth (direct costs are those costs that can be identified specifically with a particular, final cost objective i.e., an award, project, service or other direct costs such as supplies for an activity of an organization). These funds **cannot be used for indirect costs such as salaries.** At the direction of the Youth Bureau at their March 21, 2018 meeting, the board unanimously approved of opening the funding up to all youth programs rather than identifying a specific program need. A press release announcing the availability of funds was issued to the local media on March 30, 2018, with instruction that proposals must include a description of the activity/program to be funded; budget; approximate number of youth to be served; and expected outcomes. *Deadline for submitting proposals was May 4, 2018.* A total of seven (7) applications were received. On May 8, 2018 board members were mailed a summary of each application as well as hard copies of each application to review prior to today’s meeting. Applicants were invited to today’s meeting to answer any questions the Youth Bureau memberships may have pertaining to their

application. **Reminder:** *Per the Lewis County Youth Bureau By Laws, the inability to provide an overview does not exclude the applicant from consideration. The voting process for awarding funds is a simple majority of the membership present.*

**Project Safe Community (PSC):** PSC is a grassroots effort started in 2017, whose focus is on drug prevention among youth and community wide education on addiction and drug use in Harrisville. The goal of PSC is to provide information on the dangers of drug and alcohol use and provide alternative activities to the youth of the community. The long-term goal is to open a community center where classes can be held, help for those in need can be sought, and people can find a safe space to engage in activity not involving drug or alcohol use. **PSC has submitted three funding requests as follows:**

**Trip to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, NY:** In August PSC is planning a trip to the Wild Center. The budget is \$11 per child with an estimated attendance of 20 children between 9 and 14 years of age (\$200). The fee includes access to the Wild Center facility, its trails, and an extra education program regarding the environment and/or animals that are native to the area. Interaction with nature provides time away from devices, promotes outdoor activity, and a way to relieve stress of experiences from school and home. The hope is to encourage interest in the surrounding region and to show there is a free alternative to drug use as a means to cope. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$650 (includes entry fees, transportation, food and drinks).**

**Community Fest Float and Booth:** PSC will have a float in the Community Fest Parade in Harrisville in August. The float will be decorated by youth in the community with the intent to spread the message of PSC and promote the organization to the local community. PSC will also have an informational booth at the festival-handing out information regarding the dangers of drug use/goals and intents of PSC. The booth will give youth involved the chance to interact with their community and share their passion about the importance of preventative measures in, regard to drug and alcohol use among youth. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$750 (to cover costs of materials to build and decorate the float; printing of informational materials to hand out to the public; and t-shirts for children).**

**Bowling Day:** In July PSC will be taking 20 children ages 9 – 14 to the Harrisville Bowling Lanes. The intended outcome of this project is to give children an activity that may spark interest and develop into a hobby that can be maintained over the span of their lifetime and will allow the children to develop skills to work with one another as a team. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$250 (to cover the cost of 2-games of bowling for 20 youth at the cost of \$3.00 per game and food and drink).**

**Lewis County 4-H Teen Council – Kathleen Lehman:** The Lewis County 4-H Teen Council is a group of teens who are working to make a positive impact on our community. This year the Teen Council chose to improve recycling at the Lewis County Fair. As their recycling project wraps up in July, they are looking forward to working on an end of year video for Achievement Night that will highlight the 4-H program and the members of Lewis County. They hope to attend the Missouri 4-H Film Fest to further build our skills in this venture, help promote the 4-H program and explore career options. The Teen Council is requesting support of this trip that will allow them Teen to

capitalize on an opportunity at a national level for youth in Lewis County. Opportunities in the Filmmaking industry are severely limited here. 4-H creates opportunities for youth to lead their own investigations through experiential learning often providing the “spark” that ignites a career. The Teen Council program is open to all teens in the Lewis County 4-H program, which has approximately 55 teen members and is an equal opportunity program for children 8 – 19 years of age. Funding this trip will provide the skills necessary to help aid teen members to create impactful videos that will extend beyond just its 4-H members, potentially reaching TV and radio listeners. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$5,000 (to cover the cost of the trip including Film Fest All Access Pass; Inn Conference Rates; and Travel for seven (7) youth at the cost of \$734 per youth).**

**Beaver River Central School – Trap Team:** BRCS along with six other schools, joined the trap team program to create the New York State High School Clay Target League. This year the League has been invited to attend the National Championship in Minnesota depending upon performance during the regular season by individual shooters. This will be a huge financial challenge if BRCS students qualify to attend. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$1,080 to cover the cost of sending 36 youth at \$30 per youth to the National Championship.**

**Harrisville Youth Trap Team-Charles Fowler:** The Harrisville Youth Trap Team was formed in 2017 and currently has 17 students. The team is requesting targets for the season which are small clay discs that come 135 per case. The 17 youth athletes will shoot 13,600 targets which covers our 8-week program, at the cost of \$1,020. After the league ends, the coach will encourage the athletes to continue by taking part in the Northern Tier Trap League. If all of the athletes participate it would add up to 16,524 targets at a cost of \$1,150. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$2,610 (to cover cost of targets for the 8-week team season as well as the Northern Tier Trap League (\$2,170 two instructional dry erase tripods, at \$70 each (\$140); and enough lumber and material to construct two pattern boards at the cost of \$300).** **Note: If the Youth Bureau is unable to fund the entire amount requested, the targets for the youth season \$1,020 would help us the most.**

**American Youth Soccer Organization – Matt Lastowski:** Adirondack AYSO Region 469 has created a vital developmental program in the community for teaching children communication, socialization, leadership and athletic skills. This program averages over 200 participants each year and builds community pride through the participation of sports. This program has grown after opening participation from the South Lewis School district. **Amount of Funding Requested: \$3,000 (to purchase more equipment due to the increase in participation due to opening registration up to South Lewis students).**

Discussion was held pertaining to the BRCS and Harrisville Youth Trap Teams. Although the Youth Bureau members agree that Youth Trap Teams are great programs, the Trap Teams also have ample opportunities to do fundraising and or apply for funds through the National Rifle Association (NRA), to purchase items needed.

**After discussion, Libby McGuire moved to partially fund the following five (5) programs with the \$5,000 in 2018 County Project Funds:**

- **Project Safe Community:** Trip to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake-**Awarded \$400** for youth entry fees and transportation.
- **Project Safe Community:** Community Fest Float and Booth-**Awarded \$750**
- **Project Safe Community:** Bowling Day-to cover cost of bowling-**Awarded \$120**
- **Lewis County 4-H Teen Council:** To support 4-H youth attending the Missouri 4-H Film Festival-**Awarded \$1,865.**
- **American Youth Soccer Organization:** To purchase Goalie Equipment/soccer balls-**Awarded \$1,865.**

**Victoria Boliver seconded; and Madeline Lehman and Michele Ledoux Abstained.**  
**Motion carried.** Penny will notify recipients of funding awards as well as the applicants who did not receive funding.

**TV Commercial:** On May 8, 2018, at the request of the Lewis County Planning Department, Youth Bureau Student Representatives including Madeline Lehman, Kirstin Moshier, Tara Martin, and Victoria Boliver taped a TV Commercial regarding the Seasonal Bus Runs to Old Forge. This seasonal offering helps youth ages 14 and older as well as adults secure summer employment in the Old Forge area. Great job Ladies!

#### **New Business**

**Annual 2018 “Lewis County Night Out” event:** This annual event is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and strengthen connections to our community. This is a FREE event. The LCNO Committee made up of the Lewis County Youth Bureau; Sheriff’s Office; Northern Regional Center for Independent Living and Lewis County Opportunities, Inc. The first meeting was held May 9<sup>th</sup>. Tara Martin advised that last year she worked at the event with the Lowville Village Police Department, processing Safe Child ID Cards and it was where she first expressed interest in being on the Youth Bureau board. The 2018 event is scheduled for Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lewis County Fairgrounds from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **If any Youth Bureau Board Members would like to be on this year’s committee please see Penny. The next meeting of the LCNO committee is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>, the time has not yet been identified.**

**Youth Bureau Project Proposal: “Loved Twice” Baby Boy and Baby Girl Boxes:** Penny advised that up until a few years ago, the North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council had access to what are called “Loved Twice” Baby Boy and Baby Girl boxes and shared them with the Department of Social Services, Lewis County General Hospital as well as many other agencies. The concept of the “Loved Twice” boxes is that every newborn deserves to have one of life’s basic necessities, which is clothing (new or newly new) for their first year of life. Each box contains clothing from newborn to 12 months, along with a baby book; or stuffed animal as well as a small gift for Mom such as a bracelet. **Penny asked that the Youth Bureau begin to think about if they would like to take this project on. We will talk about it further at our June meeting.**

**Appointment of Nominating Committee:** Per the Youth Bureau By-Laws, officers are selected by the majority vote at the Annual meeting in June. Officers are elected to a 2-year term, and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in any one office. The Co-Chairperson Officer position that Jacob Hartle currently has will be up for nomination due to Jacob’s term on the board slated to end

June 30, 2018. John Exford, Co-Chairperson will appoint a nominating committee who are charged with providing a slate of nominations for the Co-Chairperson position. **John Exford appointed Madeline Lehman and Tara Martin to the Nominating Committee, who will seek out youth board members who may be interested in the Co-Chairperson position. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates at the June 20, 2018 Youth Bureau meeting.**

**PowerPoint:** Mike Leviker requested assistance in updating a PowerPoint for the Lewis County Sheriff's Department – regarding ATV Safety. The PowerPoint is shown in various Lewis County School District classrooms. Tara Martin volunteered to work with Mike in re-vamping the PowerPoint.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is our Annual Meeting and is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 4pm** and will be held **at the Lewis County Courthouse, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the Legislative Chambers.** Meeting topics will include:

- Visit by past Youth Bureau Student Representatives who will talk about what they have accomplished since their term ended on the board.
- “Loved Twice” Baby Boy and Baby Girl boxes – Project Discussion
- Monitoring of Youth Bureau and OCFS funded 2018 programs
- Celebration of our Senior Student Representatives

**Adjournment:** Annabelle Atnip moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:10pm. Libby McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Penny (Demo) Moser, Director  
Lewis County Youth Bureau Advisory Board