

Tier I Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

In attendance: Dori Shaner, Jillian Dillon, Ann Edwards-Dickerson, Lisa Principio, Jamie Bond, Ashton Dillon, Shirley Elizondo-Bruno, Vallie Castnor, Melanie Sullivan, Angela Druker, Colleen Scott, Stacy Wormuth, , Ria Lepp, Alyssa Prince, Lisa Sweeney, Amanda Belle-Smith, Luz Bullock, Gabrielle Wheeler, John Dean, Leah McCarley, Autumn White, Olivia Catalano, Dakota Warren, Kate Bluett, Idelle Dillon, Marlisa Hostetler, Lisa Torres, Shawn Blauvelt.

Updates:

DSS

- Official startup date for HEAP is November 13th. Some people, if they received HEAP last year, may have already received applications in the mail. Kerri-Ann Van Cleef is a new HEAP Contractor this year.
- DSS still has Pack and Plays. Families have to come in and listen to information on safe sleep and sign a liability waiver.

Finger Lakes Community Health

From Gabrielle Wheeler at Penn Yan Community Health

- Extra Flu clinics are being held, some on Saturday and Tuesdays. The next flu clinic will be held on November 14th, 6:00p – 8:00p.
- Finger Lakes Community Health is working on a program, partnering with Yates County Public Health, on an in home blood pressure monitoring program. More information will be shared when program is fully organized.
- Financial advocates are available to assist with applying for health insurance. Anyone can make use of this program. Call to make an appointment.
- *See attached flyer for further information.*

From Olivia Catalno at Reproductive Health Education (RH ED)

- Provides in school educations, medically accurate comprehensive reproductive programs.
- The Adolescent Health Conference, held in October, went well. Over 130 people participated in the conference.
- *News letter attached.*

From Luz Bullock at Geneva Community Health

- Shared information on their Great Start program, a prenatal, parenting education, and support program for pregnant women. This program goes into the home before and after a baby is born. Once enrolled the worker can assist the family to help parents enroll in other programs. They can accompany mothers to their birthing classes and help ensure they understand everything. Majority of clients are bi-lingual. They do not have to be a patient of the clinic to be part of the program. *See attached brochure.*

Healthy Families (Child and Family Resources)

- Reminder that the Together Time program is every Monday 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Last day is December 18th. Also, Baby Café is held every 1st and 3rd Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Catholic Charities Finger Lakes

- Regional Permanency Center, a program for adoptive and guardian families, will soon be opening up services in Olean. They currently serve Ontario, Seneca, Yates, and Wayne counties. There is no income qualifications for the program but you do need to reside in one of the counties listed above.
- Kate Bluett is the new case manager for the Regional Permanency Center in Yates and Ontario counties.

S2AY Rural Health Network Navigator for the NY State of Health

- Autumn White is a NY State of Health navigator and facilitated enroller for Medicaid and Medicare. Autumn can help complete the paper applications for Medicaid or Medicare savings program. Appointments can be made through HELPLINE 211.

Kinship

- Leah McCarley is the new Family Support Worker. Another employee will start working on November 15th. Kinship still has an opening for 1 more new position.

Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes

- Idelee Dillon, along with Ashton Dillon, facilitate a club for girls at the Middle School level. They are looking for new members. If you know of girls that would like to talk about “girls stuff” please contact Idelle, yatescouncil@gmail.com, or Meghan Trombley at the school.

Cornell Cooperative Extension

- Vallie Castner handed out a self-assessment worksheet to review your shopping skills. *See attached.*

Fidelis Care

- Company is looking for non-profit organizations that work with children of all ages that could use additional resources. Specific details were not provided at this time. Contact Shirley Elizondo-Bruno. *See attached flyer.*
- Fidelis has an insurance navigator 3 times a week at Living Well, in Penn Yan on Monday and Thursday mornings, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday afternoons, 1p.m. to 3 p.m., also, 2 times a week in Dundee on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon. Walk ins welcome or call for an appointment, 315-558-7902.

Rushville Community Health Center

- Rushville Food Pantry in October served 127 families, a total of 492 individuals. This was their biggest food pantry yet.
- NY State of Health Open Enrollment has started. Rushville has 3 certified application counselors. If anybody needs help enrolling call Rushville Community Health Center.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Lisa Sweeney provided an update on a new program BBBS is looking to start up in Yates County, specifically, in Penn Yan. The program, Beyond Schools Walls, is a national program matching employers with kids in the community. BBBS is looking to partner with area businesses. If you know of any local businesses, county offices or someone that may be interested in this program or can assist BBBS with networking within the community, contact Lisa Sweeney at lsweeney@bbbsr.org.

- There are a lot of kids still in the area on the BBBS list that the program has not been able to match up with a volunteer. BBBS is always looking for more volunteers. In particular, they need more male volunteers.

ProAction Office for the Aging

- Dundee Mobile Food Pantry served a total of 102 families in October.

1st Presentation: Keuka Housing

Melanie Sullivan, Outreach Coordinator and Supportive Housing Coordinator and Shawn Blauvelt, Home Ownership and Foreclosure Prevention Counselor

- An Open House will be held November 20th 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. to celebrate 40 years of service in the community. They have 51 rental properties, commercial and rental housing.
- The agency has been awarded a grant to renovate Whitney Heights in Rushville. Renovation will be starting soon.
- Two grants have been awarded to rehab 3 buildings in Dundee. Eight permanent supported housing apartments which will not be available until the end of next year.. The 1st grant is for rehabbing of buildings. The 2nd grant is for operating expenses that include rent subsidies and counseling.
- Keuka Housing maintains 14 emergency beds in Penn Yan with 2 beds in Dundee.
- Keuka Housing is a HUD approved agency. HUD counseling certification is required to ensure the counselor is up on all current issues that have to do with housing. Training is extensive for counselors.
- First time home buyers education classes are not just for grant funding. The classes provide information to make sound decision for all those looking to buy a home.
- There are not many homes available for low income buyers. A home bought at \$120,000 will probably need some significant work done to it. Grants are available that assist in purchase of home as well as making the home safe to live in. A home inspector will go through the home looking for things that need to be done before the new home owner takes possession.
- There are some programs that match the home buyers funds, 4 to 1, up to \$7500. Most grants are for \$20,000 to used towards closing costs and go towards repairs on the home to get it up to standard.
- Foreclosure prevention assist home owner to work through problems and work with lender to try and save the home. In the past 5 years Keuka Housing has helped about 30 of 140 owners to keep their homes.
- Many alternatives that can help someone keep their home may be, mortgage assistance, such as modifications, payment deferment and other options.
- There may not be a way to save a home from foreclosure. Counselors can help home owner to work with lenders to do a short sale, deed in lieu of options, had back property to stop foreclosure proceedings. The counselor can go to courts and work with client through the judicial system. At this time this service is available in Yates, Wayne, Ontario and Seneca Counties.
- There is currently one active grant repair grant available with CDVG. This is a block grant and can assist with replacement of septics, wells and laterals (from street to house). Emergency repair funds go quickly. The counselor is able to resist with referrals to other agencies that may be able to help.
- January 2018 will be the next opportunity to take the home owners class. Another option is to take the home ownership education class on line. Will have to do a 1 on 1 with a counselor to get certificate.

2nd Presentation: Care Net Penn Yan

Ria Lepp, Sexual Risk Avoidance Specialist

- Sexual Risk Avoidance program is a new program. It is a sex ed approach that differs from other forms of sex ed in that it focuses on risk avoidance vs. risk reduction. It is a holistic program that acknowledges that sex and sexual behaviors are part of a bigger picture, not just one portion of a persons behavior. The behavior tends to take place with other risk behaviors, known as risk clustering. Alcohol and Substance abuse tend to accompany sexual risk behavior.
- As a holistic program the focus is also on emotional, physical and mental health issues that surround sexual behaviors. The program is based on a Public Health model focusing on heading off risk behavior before it begins. The program provides individuals, that may already be sexually active and putting themselves at risk, with the skills and tools to return to a risk avoidance behavior.
- The program is medically accurate and age appropriate. It uses a curriculum that covers 4th graders thru adult. Adult individuals in their 20's still put themselves at risk.
- Multiple partners elevates the risks. If, for example, you have had 12 partners and each of those people have had the same number of partners, you have been exposed to about 4,095 sex partners, roughly the size of Penn Yan.
- The program believes that with support and information individuals can and will choose to either reserve sexual activity to a life time committed relationship with an uninfected partner or to practice some form of safer sex.
- Topics covered in the program are: self discovery, personality types, how to build a health relationship, romantic and otherwise, job readiness, future goals, healthy relationships in the home.

Trainings, Workshops, etc.

Community Needs:

- Cut off date for Yates County Christmas program applications was November 2nd. They can still be turned in.
- Kinship is looking for a crib and mattress and a car seat for a family.

Other notes:

If you would like to present or hear from a specific agency, please contact Jill Dillon at Jillian.Dillon@dfa.state.ny.us. If you have anything to share with the group before our next meeting please e-mail the information to Ann Edwards-Dickerson at edwards-dickersona@proactioninc.org

Next Meeting: December 5, 2017

Presenters next month are:

Dori Shaner, Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes
Permanency Resource Center

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Edwards-Dickerson
November 22, 2017