

Tier I Minutes
Tuesday, September 4, 2018

In attendance: Ann Edwards-Dickerson, Jillian Dillon, Kristen Wagner, Carol Schreiner, Kahla Dombroski, Idelle Dillon, Melanie Sullivan, Vallie Castner, Tracey Clark, Ashley Bryan, Dori Shaner, Ken Metasavage, Ashton Dillon, Kim Lyons, Christine Yonge, Lisa Principio, George A Roets, Joy Penna-Giustiniani, Colleen Scott, Jon Switzer, Gabrielle Wheeler, Autumn White, Shannon Leavy, Brianna Longwell, Connie Baughman.

Updates:

SHOUT OUTS!!!

- Jill Dillon added this category at each Tier I meeting to acknowledge agencies, person, people that contribute in a big way to support local events or in some way make a big contribution to the needs of clients and to the community.
- This month Jill acknowledged a “Big Shout Out” to everybody that went to the Penn Yan open house. According to Jill, none of the of the agencies could compete with Girls Circle. They had their own child ambassador and they handed out squooshy balls and other “cool things.” Other agencies “just had pens.” “It sounds like a challenge has been made for all agencies to step up their recruitment table game.”

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- Jill Dillon is about 2 families short of holding another foster parent class this year. Most years it is a struggle to get enough recruits to do one class a year. There is always a need for foster parents homes in the Middlesex, Rushville area and other northern parts of the county. If you know of anyone that has an interest in becoming a foster parent, Jill can be reached at jillian.dillon@dfa.state.ny.us
- Interviews will be taking place this month, September, for a new HEAP clerk. This is a part-time position with summers off. The HEAP position is now posted and applications are being accepted. They would like to find somebody willing to fill the position year to year.

Yates County Community Services

- Looking for members to join the Suicide Prevention Coalition. There will be a meeting held September 18th at 5:30 p.m. in the Public Health Conference room.
- Sunday, September 30th, 1 – 3 p.m. is the Yate County Out of the Darkness Walk at the Keuka Outlet Trail. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. Still looking for people to pre-register and for volunteers.
- Suicide is a growing problem. Beside those that lose their lives, there are many others that damage themselves through suicide attempts.

See attached flyer

Yates County Public Health

- The department is trying to keep on top of the algae blooms and bat rabies calls they have been receiving. It is anticipated the beaches will remain closed for the rest of the summer.
- Kristen Wagner will be going for the breast feeding training in a couple of weeks. After her training is completed it is hoped that all the agencies in the community that work with maternal child health can meet to see how they can benefit clients they provide care to without duplicating efforts.

Keuka Housing Council

- Eight new apartments are available in Dundee. Only criteria is that a person be homeless.

Fatherhood Connection

- A new class starts September 13th and run through December 13th.

Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes

- The agency is looking for families for their Permanency Program for adoptive and guardianship families. This is a support program based on the need of the family.
- Some of the help that can be received is case management, supervised visitation, Geneva Lunch program, emergency assistance.

TANIF Life Skills

- 10 slots left for the Educational Fund program. This is a 6 week program and at the end of it, participants receive \$100 to be used in a variety of ways.

Keuka Housing

- There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in early October.
- People can apply for housing assistance if they are homeless.

Safe Harbors

- October 5th is the Shine the Light on Domestic Violence Walk. The walk will start at the Yates County Building. Registration starts at 5:30 pm and the walk is at 6:00 pm.
- There is a rise in human trafficking. This affects not only the cities but also rural areas. October 1st a new Human Trafficking position is open, located in the Yates County Office Building. Counties that will be served are Yates, Ontario and Seneca.
- September 20th, a new Girls Group will be starting up for girls in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The group will be held every Thursday.

See attached flyer

Yates County Work Force Development

- Still recruiting for the Employment Assistance Program, ages 16 – 24 years old. Primary eligibility factor is that they are out of school. They can be pregnant, or parenting, have a disability, offender status, high school dropout. Participant can receive assistance to get their high school diploma, build employment skills, etc.
- High School Equivalency (formerly called GED) classes start September 5th and are held every Monday and Wednesday. Time: 9:00 a.m. – noon. There is no preregistration.

Finger Lakes Community Health

- Still accepting applications for the Adolescent Health Conference, at the Quality Inn, Waterloo October 11th. Conference fee is \$45 and registration is now open.
- In house mental health services are being expanded. They currently have 3 counselors, one Spanish speaking. An on staff psychiatrist and telehealth program with a specialist in Rochester.
- Criteria to access services: Must be a client of Finger Lakes Community Health.

See attached flyer.

Council on Alcoholism and Addiction of the Finger Lakes

- Idelle Dillon will be facilitating a 10 session drug program to be held in the Dundee School. No date given.

Fidelis Care

- Fidelis is willing to partner with other agencies at any upcoming events.

ProAction Office for the Aging

- In August the Dundee Mobile Food Pantry served 98 households, 159 adults, 77 seniors, 80 children. The Dundee Mobile Food Pantry is held the 4th Friday of the month at the Town Barn, Dundee Glenora Road.

The Living Well

- A free bag lunch program was started last month. It is a little slow getting started, but, hopefully the program grows as more people learn about it. The Free Bag Lunches are held the 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of the month and is open to all.
- A new Alzheimer's respite program is in the works and will, hopefully, open in October at the Lutheran Church. Caregivers will be able to drop off their early stage dementia loved ones for 4 hours. Lunch and activities will be provided. Anyone interested in volunteering contact Kim Lyons at The Living Well.

See attached flyer

NOEP (Nutrition Outreach & Education Program)

- Ashton Dillon can advise people of the are eligible to apply for SNAP.

Presentation: Care Net, Ashley Bryan, presenter

- Care Net is a national affiliation, with over 1100 Care Net Centers in the United States, and, a couple in Canada.
- Pregnancy is not a criteria for getting assistance through Care Net. People of all ages, with or without children, can request help. One of the programs offered is Earn While You Learn, an individualized prom that is curriculum based.
- They also provide information on how a baby is developing during pregnancy and follow through to potty training. There are parenting classes for ages 2 thru 12 and a Life Skills curriculum that teaches about bank accounts, how to buy a car, car insurance, different types of insurance, and more.
- With the Earn Way Learn curriculum mommy and daddy bucks can be earned and spent at the Care Net Boutique. Bucks can be spent on clothes, diapers, wipes, and more.
- The agency can work with court ordered clients, along with case workers, judges, attorneys.
- All services are free and confidential. There are no limits on how long the agency can work with clients. Everything is provided through donations and fund raising.

See attached flyers.

Trainings, Workshops, etc.

- **Finger Lakes Community Health** - October 11th is the Adolescent Health Conference, at the Quality Inn, Waterloo. Conference fee is \$45 and registration is now open. This year, due to changes with the grant, scholarships will not be available.

Community Needs: None shared this month

Other notes:

Presenters for the following months are:

- **October: Healthy Families and HEAP**
- **November: FLACRA**

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: October 2, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Edwards-Dickerson
9/18/18