



COUNTY OF ERIE
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ERIE COUNTY YOUTH BOARD MEETING

Second Monday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm, unless otherwise specified

Minutes- June 9, 2025

Present: LaKishia Collins, Jamien Eutsey, Gabrielle Kostrzewski, Maria Marinucci, Wavelle Parchment, Tyler Skretny, Meghann Simpson, Jayla Williams, Ashleigh Worthy, Kate Hillman (staff), Wanda Hillman (staff), Dinesha Scarver (staff)

Absent: LaShawn Davis (attempted to log in virtually), Dr. Zaheera Hemphill (attempted to log in virtually), Tiffany Lewis, (Excused), Precious Lugo (attempted to log in virtually), Sue Lumadue, John Romanowski, Dave Smaczniak, Denise Walden

I. Welcome/Introductions- Ice Breaker

- a. Jamien asked folks to introduce themselves and share how they are feeling today on a scale of 0-10, and something they are looking forward to this Summer.

II. Youth Bureau Update-Wanda, Dinesha, and Kate

a. Youth Bureau Structure Update

- i. Kate shared that the Bureau is restructuring a bit, separating out Youth Detention from other programs and services with agencies and organizations serving Erie County youth
- ii. Youth Bureau was previously brought under Youth Services with the last charter, and is again under charter review; this move attempts to help align the budget, programs, and services
- iii. Youth Bureau has everything aside from Detention and is now in the Rath Building

b. RFP Update

- i. YDP is on a 3-year cycle and will come up in 2027
- ii. In 2026, Sports programs will be RFP'd
- iii. Supervision and Treatment Services for Juvenile Program—funds efforts in probation programs and is under OCFS; we have the Juvenile Diversion Services Team in Erie County, which is unique—only County with this collaboration
 1. JDST is under Youth Bureau because of this
 2. STSJP is a funding stream and will be RFP'd next year
 3. Kate encouraged the Board to visit the website to learn more
 4. Youth Board may not score RFP, since it is very highly specialized

c. Fall Meetings

- i. Beginning in September, all members are required to attend meetings in person, unless attending school out of state (and excluding Sue)



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1. A link will not be provided
- d. **Other Updates**
 - i. Kate is looking into establishing some new committees and trainings for capacity building for partners and organizations
 1. Kate asked if folks would be interested in trainings and speakers
 - a. Maria thought it might be helpful to learn about DEI or trauma-informed care (areas we evaluate on the RFP) or learning about best practices, as well as hearing more from the organizations
 - i. Gabrielle and Meghann are willing to help with trainings
- e. **Prime Time Programming**
 - i. Most will start in July, some will start the last week of June, so looking forward to doing some visits

III. Chair's/Vice Chair's Report

- a. **Chair**
 - i. Jamien brought up the idea of doing a Summer picnic or party; Ashleigh thought it might be late to plan for the Summer but is interested in expanding the winter gathering—perhaps we should have an Ad Hoc Events committee
 1. Ashleigh is interested in the committee
- b. **Vice Chair Update**
 - i. Brian has stepped down from the Board; in September, we will vote for a Vice Chair

IV. Committee Updates

- a. **Executive Committee (Jamien, Vice Chair, Maria, Tiffany)**
- b. **RFP Committee (Jamien, Vice Chair, Maria, John, Ashleigh, Precious)**
 - i. Jayla asked for clarification on the committee; Wanda shared that because the committee is new and there isn't an RFP until January, the committee will start small and expand later starting with reviewing and developing a vision before getting bigger
 - ii. Jayla thought it was capped at 4 and thought she had a lot to offer the committee; Wanda said that her experiences and voice is valued and there will be opportunities to ensure all are able to provide input, whether folks are formally on the committee

V. Member Discussions, Questions, Concerns

- a. Meghann shared that Councilwoman Everhart is sponsoring an event related to domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault, as well as self-defense
 - i. Saturday, September 14th, 12pm to 4pm
- b. Jamien asked about allergies (as a plan for future snacks)
 - i. Meghann: no jalapeno
 - ii. Dinesha: no beef or pork



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- c. Would be good to start the “year” in September off with the Needs Assessment so all can be on the same page and use it to inform out future work
 - i. Kate, Wanda, and Dinesha will also share some other data sets
- d. Will also look to have site visit parameters in place for September
- e. Over the Summer, think about interest in Vice Chair; Youth Bureau will look to have sites host meetings

VI. Remaining Meetings 2025

- a. September 8
- b. October 6
- c. November 10
- d. December TBD

VII. Closing at 5:22pm