



# Children, Youth and Families

Collaboration for Community Change

## Seneca County Partners for Children, Youth and Families Core Leadership Team ~ Collaboration for Community Change

### Notes of Meeting

**Date: January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Time: 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Location: Seneca County Law Enforcement**

**Members, Leadership Team:** Members present at this meeting noted in **bold letters**.

**Aquilano, Nelson – Council on Alcoholism of the Finger Lakes (Executive Director)**

**Beals, Karen – United Way of Seneca County (Executive Director)**

**Birmingham, Peg\* – Seneca County Division of Human Services (Deputy Commissioner)**

**Hoose, Mike – Romulus Central School (Superintendent)**

Kelsey, Kimberly – Finger Lakes Health (Marketing & Planning Manager)

LaVigne, Scott – Seneca County Community Services (Executive Director)

Lindsay, Bonnie – Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES (Associate Superintendent for Curriculum)

MacNabb, Terry – Waterloo Central School District (Superintendent)

McKeveny, Robert – Seneca Falls Central School District (Superintendent)

**Nusser, Janie\* – South Seneca Central School (Superintendent)**

Schillaci, Charlie – Seneca County Division of Human Services (Commissioner)

Sinclair, Suzanne – Seneca County Manager

Stenberg, Jack – Seneca County Sheriff

Terry, David – Seneca County Probation (Director)

VanAuken, Kerry – Seneca County Health Department (Public Health Educator)

**Whitley, Michael – Seneca County Youth Bureau (Director)**

### **Advisory (non-voting):**

**Case, Jacqueline – United Way of Seneca County (Communications/Partners Coordinator)**

DeBruyn, Hans – ACT for Youth Initiative, Western Region

**Grace, Mary – Seneca County Community Counseling**

Lohr, Billie – Council on Alcoholism of the Finger Lakes (Program Services Director)

**Richardson, Connie – United Way of Seneca County (Director of Community Partnerships)**

Wiatrowski, Liz – Council on Alcoholism of the Finger Lakes (Education Coordinator)

### **Honorary (non-voting):**

Marinelli, Dr. Joseph – Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES (Superintendent)

### **Guest**

**Tracy Vesley – United Way Intern**

<b>CALENDAR, Seneca County Partners for Children, Youth &amp; Families</b>			
<b>(Note: Team leaders, please provide updates on meeting times and locations)</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Participants/Purpose</b>	<b>Location</b>
3/25/2010	9-10:30	Core Leadership	Law Enforcement
4/22/2010	9-10:30	Core Leadership	Law Enforcement
5/27/2010	9-10:30	Core Leadership	Law Enforcement

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

## **I. Review Minutes: September 2009**

Motion: Janie Nusser  
Second: Mike Whirtley  
Discussion:  
Motion: Passed.

## **III. Process Feedback for today's meeting: Tracy Vesley**

## **IV. Shared Opportunities for Professional Development:**

## **V. Community Finances:**

### *Schools:*

- Schools are losing large amounts of funding which calls for less staff and programs.
- Schools are losing state aid (Romulus lost \$620K).
- State aid makes up:
  - 70% of South Seneca's budget
  - 60% of Seneca Fall's budget
  - 50% of Romulus's budget
- Worries the next four years are going to get progressively worse
- State Commissioner is solely focusing on standards and testing and not on enrichment
- Federal cut \$300K and State cut 19.3 million for safe and drug free school

### *Council on Alcoholism:*

- Statewide \$19.3 mil decrease in funding
- No AIDS programs anymore
- Many smaller hits but all add up
- State is still starting new programs without operating \$ & taken out basic services that have been there
- All resource officers are gone next year

### *Youth Bureau:*

- 30% cut over last 3 years
- Hasn't cut programs because DHS has helped offset & done partnering with Community Counseling.

### *Early Childhood- Environments*

- Lack of dental health, lack of mental health for older people
- Teen pregnancy increase
- Crippling will affect all and next generations

### *DHS*

- Unemployment rate is 8% in Seneca County
- Usage of food stamps and public assistance is increasing
- Summer youth employment cut (hope to reinstate) – Last year → 98 kids
- Seneca County jail is at their max and looking for alternative incarceration
- DHS/YB → Looking at grants
  - Possibly fee for service (i.e. Recreation)
  - Co-funding positions
- Glove House will provide preventive, integrative services & transitional for county
  - Teresa Craig heading up (\$131K less than previous years)
- Probation changes are unknown.
  - SCS relies on them (comment on trail of affects)

- DHS Regionalism→ 3 staff used to be just Seneca County but now share over 4 counties.
- Career Navigator Program for adults is looking for space. 9-4, 5 days/wk. (Janie?)
  - Transportation for adults?
  - Built for dislocated workers rather than low income workers.

**V. Action Items/Action Team Updates:**

(See attached)

**VI. Announcements**

- Alternative Spring Break on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at Cayuga Lake State Park. (15 students so far)
- Community Counseling received Prevention – Enforcing Underage Drinking Grant – provides training, overtime costs for law enforcement, media campaign and program materials

**VI. Process Feedback:**

Utilizing the Meeting Process Feedback Tool, Tracy reported that the meeting ended on time; most agenda topics were covered productively.

**VII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-10:30 at DHS Training Rm, 1 DiPronio Drive, Waterloo.**  
Process Feedback Volunteer – Jackie Case.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Beals