

Board Members Present: Ellen Polimeni, Josh Maxwell, Alice Haskins, Sam Casella, Phil Povero, Wanda Martinez-Johncox, Chris Lavin, Jake Chard, Colin Pritchard, Bob Green

Staff Present: Tracey Dello Stritto

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was opened by Vice-Chair Ellen Polimeni at 3:03 p.m.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Following a motion by Sam, seconded by Josh, the minutes were approved as written.

**Financial** – The Audit was delayed due to a Covid event. Auditors will resume work on April 20<sup>th</sup> and will report at the May meeting. The 990 will be submitted following the audit review. The finance committee is still discussing how the revenue from the employee tax credit should be spent. Tracey highlighted the financial report, with nothing remarkable noted. The Board voted unanimously to accept the financial report, following a motion by Sam, seconded by Jake.

### **Program Updates-**

**Youth Court:** New member training is underway for 15 participants. Tina and Jamel are excited about moving forward. Jamel will be trained and will take over the Just Drive program; the Assistant District Attorney are accepting this slowly, but District Attorney Jim Ritts is working with Tracey to move the program forward.

**Youth Clubhouse:** The Peer Recovery position through FLACRA will require lots of paperwork but will support the harm reduction model. Tracey is working on hiring and researching transportation issues, to include policies and insurance requirements. She is also working with staff to develop a second clubhouse site, possibly in Bloomfield.

**Community Support Center – Journey Through Loss** is working with those experiencing traumatic grief. The group will restart in person meetings in May, with 8-10 people per group. The Center also hopes to have an in-person 5k this year.

**The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition – DEA Takeback Day** at Wegmans is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed. The Coalition is forming a Marijuana Prevention Education Committee. The intent is to provide data and evidence-based facts at community forums. This will include a look at how current laws such as Social Host Laws will be applied.

**Suicide Prevention Coalition** – The group is working with Causewave to develop a plan to promote Mental Health awareness.

**Empower OC** – See the article in the Finger Lakes Times. The site covers 8 topics and provides resource data for a range of services. The next phase of this project will provide flyers in schools and pop-up ads on social media. Phase III will include flyers in school bathrooms with qr codes. Phase IV will create awareness and opportunities county wide.

**Leadership OC** – Applications for the first class, to begin September 2021, are currently being accepted. The MRB Group is interested in administering the program for The Partnership. Bob

Z. and Jim R. will review the proposed contract. Tracey will assess Partnership staff interest in attending.

**Other**

State Representatives – Phil and Tracey talked with Pam Helming’s Aide and had a great conversation regarding grants, etc. Phi, Sam, and Tracey will meet with Samra Bourke on April 29<sup>th</sup> to educate about our organization.

Board work – Tracey will put out a calendar request for Board meetings for the year. The Board Development Committee (Bob Z., Matt, and Phil) will be meeting to discuss updates to the by-laws and an assessment of the Board’s effectiveness.

Golf Committee – Josh noted that packets have been mailed; the goal is to sell the tournament out by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Sponsorships are slowly coming in.

The annual report needs to be updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 following a motion by Sam, seconded by Bob.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Haskins*

Alice Haskins, Board Secretary