In Attendance:
Mary Dumas, Inaudy Esposito, Kerry Gallagher, William Hecht, Elizabeth Holbrook, Myrna Kemnitz, Derek Miller, Frank Sheboy, Mary Pat Smith, Brandon Turner, Rachel Wilson, Tammy Rhein, Wanda McQueen.

- Review and approval of minutes from the November 3, 2017 meeting
  A motion was made by Frank Sheboy seconded by Kerry Gallagher to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

1. FAMILY and YOUTH FOCUS
Rachel W. – Provided an update on the Adopt a Family; about 170 families this year a few less than last year. Shared that the Youth/Adult Summit was well attended with about 90 attendees.

2. WELCOME ORANGE
Tammy R. – Shared positive thoughts to Darcie M. in regards to the passing of the mother in law. Welcome Orange continues to meet regularly and there has been discussion surrounding safety issues. Discussion ensued regarding safety issue within the County and Schools. Discussion ensued regarding de-escalation issues for those in crisis. Everyone agreed that there needs to be a welcoming but safety conscious atmosphere.
Derek M. – Reminded everyone that HEAP is now open.

3. ECONOMIC SECURITY
Bill H. – Shared information about State Aid for Schools and Budgets.
Frank S. – Spoke about the tax base and the impact on the possible changes. Shared his appreciation of the support to and from the communities.

4. JUVENILE JUSTICE
Derek M. – Spoke about the Raise the Age.
Elizabeth H. – Shared that the specialized detention center may not be ready by October. The cost to keep a child in detention is about $600 per day. Discussion ensued that most 16 and 17 year olds come from the cities of Middletown, Newburgh and Port Jervis. There is a need for more family and school support. Orange County is ahead of the curve. PINS placement is hirer that non-secured detention.
5. EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS
Brandon W. – Shared that he attended a Women’s Rights History field trip in Warwick.
Wanda M. – Shared that she is the new Director of Early Intervention Services – provided information about the programs that are available.
Frank S. – Provided information about the Little Free Library (Boxes) - the goal is to have 6 by the end of the year.
Discussion ensued regarding home school and networking.
Discussion on the Youth & Government through the YMCA.

6. SOCIAL/MEDICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL
Tammy R. – Spoke on behalf of the NYS Wraparound Project and how it will benefit the County.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS
Rachel W. – Spoke on behalf of the Safe School Ambassadors training – possibly 3 new school districts joining this year. Shared that some grants are coming to the end but may be able to get some programs.
Derek M. – Spoke about the Women Health Needs Partnership.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTH’S MEETING

9. OTHER

10. UP COMING EVENTS:

• Don’t FORGET Website Access – www.ouboces.org. Click on Links; click on Orange County Interagency Collaboration Team for updates.

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Orange County Interagency Collaboration Team is a forum for family representatives, program leaders, and policy level administrators from local schools, courts, and government to work together, maintains communication and linkages, and promotes a creative, effective and efficient community services system which supports children and their families.”

Next Meeting
January 12, 2018
Hosted By
Rachel Wilson, Director
Orange County Youth Bureau
Community Campus
18 Seward Avenue (2nd Floor Conference Room)
Middletown, NY 10941