

## ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION - MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2019

At a regular meeting of the Orange County Youth Commission held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Office on Youth, 146 Madison Road, Orange, Virginia. Present: Shirley Irving, Stacy Burleson, and Alisha Vines.

Mrs. Vines called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the above noted members present.

RE: READING AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES  
Nothing to approve at this time

RE: YOUTH COUNCIL  
Mrs. Vines provided an update on what the Youth Council worked on this past year. They recently received their Youth Council t-shirts and tie-dyed them at their last meeting of the year. They also received their "Rule of Five" t-shirts to begin wearing in public. These were a product of their lock-in in November and hope to start many conversations about needing people you can count on to confide in when life is hard. The Council will also continue to work on their social media campaigns and will be traveling to King's Dominion on July 3<sup>rd</sup> for their end of year fun. Lastly, letters of intention to return will be going out in the next few weeks since school starts August 12<sup>th</sup>.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

### RE: COMPLETED PROJECTS AND/OR PROGRAMS

#### RE: AFTER-PROM

Mrs. Vines reported that this year we will be carrying forward some funds left over from this year's event and the reserve fund. Also discussed was fundraising ideas moving forward. One suggestion was attempting the "Lotapalooza" event in the Spring at OCHS as well as holding a Jailbreak fundraiser. Everyone agreed to try both, and more information will be coming.

#### RE: PROJECT EXCEL AND BREAKFAST BUDDIES

Mrs. Vines reported that the programs went well this past school year and that there were a lot of new volunteers across the County. Next year there will be two new coordinators as Mr. Drinkwater will be stepping down as the GBES Breakfast Buddies Coordinator and UES will be starting Project EXCEL back up. A brief discussion on future funding sources was also held.

#### RE: ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (OCSACC)

It was reported that numbers are up at GBES and LGPS and numbers are low, but steady at OES. This year's end of year budget will be close, if not in the red slightly.

#### RE: CHILDREN'S SERVICE ACT (CSA)

It was reported that there is a lot going on with CSA. Our new program, Project Link will hopefully be starting soon and that we are waiting on a Coordinator for our locality. This program is for children who are in, or at-risk of, entering Foster Care and the parents who have substance abuse issues. This program will help link them to the services they need in order to move forward.

A brief discussion was also held on the difficulty CPMT and FAPT are having in securing a Parent Representative for both teams. Mrs. Burleson stated she would be interested in serving. Mrs. Vines to send her more information.

A discussion was also held on the updated Parental Co-Pay policy and the end of the year budget numbers for CSA. Mrs. Vines also informed the members that the Board of Supervisors

had approved approximately \$3 million for FY20 for the CSA program. A brief discussion followed.

RE: VIRGINIA JUVENILE COMMUNITY CRIME CONTROL (VJCCCA)

Mrs. Vines reported the program is going well and that there is a steady number of youths in the program at this time for various services. She also reported that the GPS program is going well and has two youth currently enrolled. Additionally, since providing this service through Satellite Tracking of People, the program has seen a cost savings of approximately \$16,500 for the 25 youth that have been served as our current price is \$4.60 per day compared to \$12.50 per day with our previous vendor.

RE: MICHAEL'S GIFT

It was reported that Michael's Gift is doing well and that the current balance is \$13,122.05 as of meeting time. Mrs. Vines also reported on some changes that may be coming in the near future for this program. More information will come as the committee makes the changes.

RE: PARENT TRAININGS

As of meeting time, Mrs. Vines reported that 1,2,3, Magic was being held that evening at Orange Baptist Church. This program usually has a good response and the OOO ensures that a meal and child care is provided for families when we can. Additionally, Mrs. Vines reported that the OOO is looking at a program called the "Fatherhood Initiative" for FY20. More information will be coming if funding can be secured for the purchase of the program.

RE: CURRENT OR UPCOMING PROJECTS AND/OR PROGRAMS

RE: OFFICE ON YOUTH

Mrs. Vines reported that the OOO Administrative Assistant will be retiring at the end of August. That position underwent a re-write and updated and will be posted soon. Also, she reported that the FAPT Coordinator had submitted her resignation and her last day will be July 10<sup>th</sup> as she has taken a position with the Orange County Public Schools. That job will also be posted immediately.

RE: VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Mrs. Vines reported that there will be a change to the programming of the grant to reach more youth. Due to a lack of interest, the Strengthening Families Program 14-week program for younger youth and families will be discontinued and the OOO will offer more Media Detective Programming to learn how to break down advertisements aimed at youth for many products, but especially tobacco and alcohol.

RE: STATE FARM GRANT

Mrs. Vines reported the OOO had submitted for a \$25,000 State Farm Grant to help purchase mobile, flashing speeding signs to be used at Gordon-Barbour Elementary, Orange Elementary, and Orange County High School. These flashing lights will display the speed limit and flash when a vehicle has exceeded that limit. This grant is in partnership with State Farm – Wayne Modena, the Orange Town Police Department, and Gordonsville Police Department. More information to come.

RE: PLAYIN' IN THE PARK

The membership was reminded that Playin' in the Park will be held at Booster Park on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 5:00 pm and fireworks start at dark. Music and food vendors will be on-site.

RE: HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

This program has been held in the communities around Orange and we are excited to bring it to Orange this Fall. The program is for parents only and allows parents to snoop in a teenager's bedroom to see what they can find that may be against the rules. Officers then discuss what

the parents missed with the parents. More information will come as the program location and times are set.

RE: SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE & DISTRIBUTION

The dates for this had not been finalized at the time of the meeting and will be posted soon. School starts August 12<sup>th</sup> and distribution will be sometime the week before. More information to come.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss

RE: MEMBERSHIP

A brief discussion was held on the lack of attendance and membership for the Commission. Mrs. Vines will email the By-laws to the membership for review and suggestions for changes can be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Youth Commission will be held July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 starting at 7:00 PM. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Alisha Vines – Office on Youth Director  
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