

**COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP  
EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009**

**PRESENT:**

Co-Chair Stephen Shafer, District Superintendent, FEH BOCES  
Co-Chair Lesley Lyon, Commissioner, Franklin County DSS

Lorraine Bessette, Principal, F-E-H BOCES  
Marice Bright, CSE Chair, Malone Central School District  
Dale Breault, Supt. of Schools, Chateaugay CSK  
Vanetta Conn, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Patricia Dovi, Superintendent of Schools, St. Regis Falls Central School District  
Anne Marie Fitzrandolph, Salmon River CSD (rep. Jane Collins)  
Robin Foster, MOMS Program  
Eileen Gillen, Executive Director, Franklin County Community Housing Council  
Steven Grenville, Principal, Brushton-Moira Central School District  
Dianne Hardy, Franklin County Probation Services  
Judy Hayle, Director, Franklin County Probation Services  
Leslie LaRose, Director of Special Services, F-E-H BOCES  
Julie Lawrence, North Country Healthcare Network (rep. Barry Brogan)  
Beth Lawyer, Associate Director for all CD and Prevention Services, North Star Behavioral Health Services  
Alex Logie, Associate Executive Director, Adirondack ARC  
Seth McGowan, Superintendent of Schools, Tupper Lake Central School District  
Nancy Montevago, Deputy Superintendent, F-E-H BOCES  
Michelle Mulverhill, Staff Development Supervisor, Franklin County DSS  
David Munn, North Star (rep. Sue Delehanty)  
Tamra Murphy, Dir. Christian Formation/Youth Ministry, Malone Catholic Parishes  
Tamara Myatt, Associate Director, Head Start  
Bonnie Newell, Director, Mental Health Association  
Jack Pelkey, Franklin County Sheriff, Franklin County Sheriff Dept.  
Michelle Schumacher, Branch Director, Greater Malone YMCA  
Shelly Shutler, Mental Health Association (in association with Bonnie Newell)  
Denise Skiff, Kinship Care Program (re. Nancy Buckpitt)  
Sue Supernaw, North Country Even Start Program  
William Sullivan, Director, Franklin County Youth Bureau  
Rick Swanston, Director of Management Services, F-E-H BOCES  
Lowell Tennyson, Director of Services, Franklin County DSS  
Christine Venery, Director, St. Regis Mohawk Mental Health  
Wayne Walbridge, Superintendent of Schools, Malone Central School District  
Rev. John Werley, Senior Pastor, First Congregational Church  
Peter Wyman, Presenter

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Co-Chair Stephen Shafer called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M.

**WELCOME AND  
INTRODUCTION:**

Mr. Shafer welcomed the members. He requested that new attendees introduce themselves. Several people responded including Robin Foster, Sue Supernaw, David Munn, Julie Lawrence, Denise Skiff.

**APPROVAL OF  
OCTOBER 8, 2008  
MEETING  
MINUTES:**

Stephen Shafer asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the October 8, 2008 meeting. William Sullivan moved, seconded by Alex Logie, that the minutes be accepted as entered. The motion was carried.

**DISTRIBUTION OF  
THE 2009 CIP  
DIRECTORY:**

The 2009 CIP Directory was distributed to the members. Mr. Shafer reminded the members that any requests for additions or changes should be addressed to the FEH BOCES Office.

**PRESENTATION –  
SOURCES OF  
STRENGTH  
(SCHOOL BASED  
SUICIDE  
PREVENTION  
MODEL):**

Dr. Peter Wyman, Clinical Psychologist with the University of Rochester, presented a program on the Sources of Strength Project, developed by Mark LoMurray of North Dakota. He explained that this project uses student “peer leaders” to increase the likelihood for troubled teens to seek help from “trusted adults”. The project strives to connect students in crisis with adults, to reduce isolation and break the code of silence among peers. Dr. Wyman reviewed the background of suicidal behavior in teens and the need to change the “norms” for teens and young adults. He reviewed recognized Sources of Strength, such as family support, caring adults, positive friends and spirituality. Dr. Wyman concluded by asking for schools to participate in training. Funding is available and there would be no cost for the training. Anyone interested is urged to contact Dr. Wyman for further information.

**UPDATE ON  
MALONE  
CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ALTERNATIVE  
PROGRAM FOR  
HARD TO SERVE  
YOUTH:**

Wayne Walbridge and Marcie Bright with the Malone Central School District presented an update on the Alternative Program for Hard to Serve Youth. Mr. Walbridge stated that the program got off to a slow start, but has improved greatly due to the instructor, John Kennedy. Mr. Walbridge said it has been a cooperative effort with the school district, Mentors Forward, Franklin County Probation and North Star. Marcie Bright stated that the curriculum was following project-based learning. She described some of the ways in which academics are being tied into classroom projects. Mr. Walbridge stated that he hopes to see a similar program in the Middle School to support the emotional, academic and social needs of students.

**UPDATE ON  
CLINIC PLUS:**

David Munn, representing Susan Delehanty, spoke regarding the Clinic Plus program initiated in February 2009. He stated that the program had started on a small scale with 218 letters sent. Mr. Munn stated that only 18 screenings resulted from this mailing and hoped to see better results in the future. He stated that the goal is to have 750 screenings. David spoke of plans to broaden the campaign in the Fall, including a better explanation of the program to parents. Christine Venery, St. Regis Mohawk Mental Health, related their experience and shared their success in the program.

**FORMATION OF  
MOBILE CRISIS  
TEAM:**

David Munn explained the existing Crisis Team currently in place and the need to find a better solution. He stated that the current process is not working. David said that too often, people are not seen until they are taken to the Emergency Room and often then are returned to the home or school without proper treatment. He feels the need to connect with these people before a crisis occurs. Mr. Munn hopes to find ways to offer more wrap-around services to this population.

**FOSTER CARE**

Lowell Tennyson used a PowerPoint presentation to review the status of Foster

**MAPS: DISTRICT OF ORIGIN/DISTRICT OF PLACEMENT:**

Care Placement, reviewing both district of origin and district of placement. Reasons for placement locations were discussed. The lack of and need for foster homes was stressed, especially in the southern part of the county.

**RESPITE HOME FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS:**

Lesley Lyon spoke of a possible Respite Home for Adolescent Girls. She stated that Frank Klupe with North Star and the Department of Social Services have been discussing the possibility of using the former boarding house in Brushton, New York for this purpose. Ms. Lyon related the need to certify people to oversee the girls placed there.

**SHARING INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES:**

Leslie LaRose shared information regarding four upcoming professional development activities the Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES will be offering. She referred the members to the BOCES website for further information, [www.fehb.org](http://www.fehb.org).

Michelle Mulverhill, Franklin County Department of Social Services, is working with other members to develop a site for posting training opportunities on a regular basis. Michelle plans to research the needs of the community and members.

Other members shared upcoming training activities such as a Meth Lab Awareness, Mandated Reporting, Suicide Prevention and a Drug Abuse training.

**REGIONAL GRADUATION RATE INITIATIVE:**

Stephen Shafer spoke regarding the Regional Graduation Rate Initiative. He stressed the need for a comprehensive approach to this problem involving schools, parents, community, press and employers. Mr. Shafer explained the need to raise our current percentage of students graduating from high school within a four-year period.

Leslie LaRose gave a presentation on the Regional Graduation Rate Initiative. She shared the goal to have 90% or more of the 2008 cohort achieve high school graduation by June of 2012. Leslie reviewed the America's Promise-Alliance which includes five promises, caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, effective education and opportunities to help others. Ms. LaRose addressed the issue of high school dropout, discussing possible reasons and results.

Several members shared thoughts and concerns. Most agree that the problem does not relate only to high school, but involves the home, education, society and the community as well.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FUNDING/ECONOMIC ISSUES IMPACTING YOUTH:**

Lorraine Bessette advised of increased funding for Summer Youth Programs. The North Franklin Educational Center and One WorkSource are working together to provide summer employment to 16-24 year olds. Lorraine is very excited by the number of applications received thus far and hopes to see even more. She explained how the program ties together the application process, interviews, and work experience.

**DATE AND  
LOCATION FOR  
NEXT MEETING:**

The date and location for the next meeting will be October 28, 2009, at 9:30 AM  
at the North Franklin Educational Center Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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