

**COMMUNITY INTERVENTION PARTNERSHIP  
EDUCATION LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009**

**DRAFT**

**PRESENT:**

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

Lorraine Bessette, Principal, F-E-H BOCES  
Dale Breault, Supt. of Schools, Chateaugay CSD  
Marice Bright, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Malone CSD  
Donna Brockway (rep. Michelle Denny, Alice Hyde Medical Center)  
Stephanie Carlisto, Franklin County DSS  
Vanetta Conn, Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Susan Delehanty, Exec. Director, North Star Industries  
Paul Duffee, Transportation Coordinator, Franklin County Transportation  
John Durant (rep. Stephen Stone, Chief, Malone Village Police)  
AnneMarie Fitzrandolph, (rep. Jane Collins, Salmon River CSD)  
Suzanne Goolden, Director, Franklin County Community Services  
Tracy Gratton, Franklin County DSS  
Jerry Griffin - Principal, Franklin Academy High School - Presenter  
Lisa Griffin, Casework Supervisor, Franklin County DSS  
Brooke Hample, Tupper Lake Prevention Staff Member - Presenter  
Diane Hardy - Franklin County Probation Services  
Judy Hayle, Director, Franklin County Probation Services  
Mose Herne, Director, Franklin County Public Health  
Melissa Johnston, St. Regis Falls Prevention Staff Member - Presenter  
Beth Lawyer, Associate Director of all CD and Prevention Services, North Star  
Behavioral Health Services  
Alex Logie, Associate Executive Director, Adirondack ARC  
Seth McGowan, Supt. of Schools, Tupper Lake CSD  
Penny McQuinn, Coordinator, Mentor Forward Program, Franklin County DSS  
Nancy Montevago, Deputy Superintendent, F-E-H BOCES  
Michelle Schumacher, Branch Director, Greater Malone YMCA  
Rick Swanston, Director of Management Services, F-E-H BOCES  
Christine Venery, Director, St. Regis Mohawk Mental Health  
Wayne Walbridge, Supt. of Schools, Malone CSD  
Tisha White – Guidance Counselor, Long Lake CSD

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Co-Chair Lesley Lyon called the meeting to order at 9:37 A.M.

**WELCOME AND  
INTRODUCTION:**

Ms. Lyon welcomed the members. Lesley suggested beginning with introductions of those present. She stated that Mose Herne, Director of Franklin County Public Health and Lisa Griffin, Caseworker Supervisor with Franklin County Department of Social Services had asked to make brief presentations.

**APPROVAL OF  
APRIL 29, 2009  
MEETING  
MINUTES:**

Lesley Lyon asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the minutes of the April 29, 2009 meeting. None were mentioned and the minutes will stand as entered.

**TRANSITIONS FOR  
CITIZEN  
ADVOCATES,  
NORTHSTAR AND  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES:**

Lesley Lyon announced that Sue Delehanty had left her position as Director of Franklin County Community Services to assume the role of Executive Director of North Star Industries. Ms. Delehanty stated that the transition had been smooth in light of her past relationship with North Star Industries and Gregory Langdon. Sue said that Suzanne Goolden was well qualified to assume the duties of Director of Franklin County Community Services and shared her hopes and dreams for future advances in collaboration with Franklin County service providers to expand wrap-around services for children and families.

**EXPLORING THE  
CHALLENGE OF  
PROVIDING  
SERVICES TO THE  
DIGITAL  
GENERATION:**

Lesley Lyon explained that service providers are seeing more and more troubled teens with harder cases to resolve. She stated that we are dealing with a different generation with different service needs. Technology plays a big part in the world these young people live in. Ms. Lyon referred to a book, "Grown Up Digital". She also distributed a listing of Community-Based Programs Focused on Troubled Youth. Lesley asked if anyone present would be interested in creating a subgroup to pick out a couple of these programs to implement in the community. She stressed the need to consider the differences in this adolescent generation when making decisions on service delivery.

**CREDIT  
RECOVERY AND  
ON-LINE  
COURSES:**

Jerry Griffin, Principal at Franklin Academy High School, spoke regarding Credit Recovery and On-Line Coursework. Mr. Griffin explained the use of NovaNet in their school to assist students to make up class work, fit in more credit classes and to allow students to move ahead academically to graduate early. Jerry stressed that the program works best with independent readers as much of this work is self-driven. He explained that the software can be installed on home computers to allow offsite access outside of school hours.

Discussion took place regarding availability of computers and high speed internet connections in the community. Lorraine Bessette, Principal at the North Franklin Educational Center, shared her experience with NovaNet as well as the use of electronic textbooks at the Center.

**REACHING OUT  
TO KIDS TODAY –  
AN OVERVIEW OF  
CURRENT  
PREVENTION  
PROGRAMMING:**

Beth Lawyer, Associate Director of all Chemical Dependency and Prevention Services, North Star Behavioral Health Services, introduced Brooke Hample and Melissa Johnston, Prevention Staff Members in local school districts. These ladies gave a presentation on Textual Harassment and Cyber Bullying. Melissa said this problem is common in our schools. It occurs when a person harasses or targets another thru e-mail, internet or text messages. She said Tupper Lake Central School students reached out to others individually and through a major campaign on cyber bullying. Melissa shared two websites with resources for internet safety: [www.thatsnotcool.com](http://www.thatsnotcool.com) and [www.teenangels.org](http://www.teenangels.org). Ms. Johnston played a YouTube clip regarding textual harassment.

Beth Lawyer distributed a "Not In My House" information sheet regarding

prevention of prescription drug abuse. Beth reported an unsuccessful attempt at the Safe Schools Healthy Students Grant. She will try for this grant one more time. Ms. Lawyer showed a clip recently released by New York State relating to Underage Drinking and invited anyone interested to attend the next Franklin County Prevention meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Paul Smiths.

**COMMUNITY  
SAFETY ISSUES:**

John Durant with the Malone Village Police Department addressed the members regarding Malone Village safety issues. John shared concerns for student safety because of the bridge construction underway on several village streets. He stated that underage drinking and cyber bullying are issues also being addressed by the Malone Village Department. The need to reform current laws was discussed by those present.

**UPDATE ON  
REGIONAL  
GRADUATION  
RATE INITIATIVE:**

Nancy Montevego reviewed the Regional Graduation Rate Initiative. She reported on efforts and training thus far including postings on websites, training with Julie Regan and discussions with area educational staff. Nancy said future efforts include forming student focus groups, involving parents and community agencies, updating materials and the possibility of working with Syracuse University to create a Red Group to conduct a research study that would determine barriers to graduation in this area.

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

Lesley Lyon reviewed the Foster Care Placement Maps. She stated that Malone still has the highest concentration of students, due to the size of the district. Lesley stressed that the 68 children reflected here are a small portion of those children receiving services in Franklin County.

Mose Herne, Director of Franklin County Public Health, shared information regarding the H1N1 flu situation. Mose gave a brief background of the spread of this new flu and described symptoms. He explained the population that is susceptible and the challenges faced in making the vaccine available to the public. Mr. Herne stated that future clinics are scheduled at the Saranac Lake High School, Brushton-Moira High School, Franklin Academy and North Country Community College.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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