

Youth Advisory Board – 1st Qtr Meeting Minutes 2025

Tuesday February 11th, 2025

5:30 pm, Human Services Building, Canton

Call to order:

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm

Attendance:

- **Present:** Adam Simmons, Alexa Chase, Nicole Terminelli, Danielle Lennox, Alaina Goodrich, Kat Manierre, Teena Pelkey, Tricia Snyder, Karli Thompson, Kenneth Taylor
- **Absent:** Michael Hammond, Tamerra Bailey, Joanne Sevick, Anant Bansal

Alexa Chase confirmed quorum was present.

Annual Business:

Danielle Lennox nominated **Kat Manierre** as Chair. Motion Seconded by **Tricia Snyder**.

- All members confirmed, motion passed, **Kat Manierre elected Chair**.

Alaina Goodrich nominated **Adam Simmons** as co-chair. Motion seconded by **Danielle Lennox**.

- All Members confirmed, **Adam Simmons elected co-chair**.

Danielle Lennox nominated **Kenneth Taylor** as Secretary.

Motion seconded by **Alaina Goodrich**.

- All members confirmed, **Kenneth Taylor elected as secretary**.

Approval of Minutes:

Kat Manierre motioned to approve minutes from 11/19/2024 meeting.

Trish Snyder seconded the motion. All members confirmed, and the motion passed.

Youth Bureau Staffing Update:

Kenneth Taylor was hired as Youth Development Program Coordinator on 01/07/2025.

Monthly BYD (Bureau of Youth Development):

- BYD meeting Tuesday February 18th at 10:00 am via Zoom
- Alexa Chase has been asked to give a presentation on her Needs Assessment, Needs Assessment Summary, RFP, Program Selection, and County 5-year CFSP.

Youth Committee

- Youth Committee Chairman Anant Bansal was excused from this meeting by Alexa Chase, who is presenting in his place during this meeting.
 - Last Youth Committee Meeting: Sunday February 9th, in person at Canton Human Services Building.
 - Next Youth Committee Meeting: March 9th, 4:00 pm via Zoom.
- **ANYSYB Youth Leadership Forum & Legislative Day in Albany**
 - February 3rd and 4th
 - 11 Teen Ambassadors attended with Alexa, Ken, and Adam
 - Folders were provided to the Teen Ambassadors containing an itinerary, important talking points, biographies of Assemblyman Scott Gray and Senator Walczyk.
- Teen Ambassadors were able to speak with aforementioned legislators regarding Governor Hochul's State of the State address, upcoming initiatives (Five Hour Free (From Social Media))
- Youth as Solutions
 - This is the Youth Bureau's second year working with YAS. Part of the National Youth Leadership Council.
 - \$1000 was granted to the Youth Bureau for Teen Safe Driving, the teen-led service project.
 - Service project focusing on Distracted Driving, Seatbelt Use. Due to the ongoing coverage of mental health, the teens decided to also incorporate anxiety regarding driving.
 - A survey was completed by 537 teens in St. Lawrence County, the summary report was completed.

- Using the data from the survey, the Teens have developed infographic cards, which upon completion will be delivered to the St. Lawrence County DMVs, and given to local school guidance counselors. A powerful word cloud was constructed utilizing input from teens who completed the survey. The initiative is still being worked on, and goals upon completion were discussed.
 - The Youth Bureau was awarded a scholarship of \$3,167 to attend the upcoming National Leadership Conference on 03/26-03/28/2025 in St. Paul Minnesota. Alexa will be taking two Teen Ambassadors to this conference. This was proposed and will go to full board meeting on 03/03/2025.

- **SLC Board of Legislators Meeting**
 - Teen Ambassadors attended the BOL meeting on 02/10/2025 and presented on resolutions on Five-Hour Free (from Social Media) Friday, and accepting the funds from YAS Minnesota trip

- **2025 Valentine's Day Card Drive in Partnership with Office for the Aging**
 - Great success with this year's card-drive. Thousands of homemade cards were sent to the Youth Bureau, they were collected by the meal sites on Tuesday, 02/11/2025, and will be distributed.
 - Legislator Terminelli has suggested that any remaining cards be sent to St. Lawrence Health (formerly CPH) for distribution. Contact information to follow.

- **Five Hour Free (from social media) Friday**
 - Will be officially held on 03/07/2025 from 4-9pm. Teen Ambassadors are asked to recruit their peers to pledge their participation. Thereafter, a small survey will be sent out to all participants.

- **Youth Committee Recruitment**
 - 9 Teen Ambassadors will be graduating in June 2025. They are asked to find their replacements and invite them to the April, May and June meetings.
 - Legislator Terminelli raises a good question regarding gifting each graduating Teen merchandise from their respective colleges. Alexa will look into this regarding use of funds.
 - Kenneth will email Karli a copy of the Teen Ambassador flyer to distribute at schools she is teaching at.
 - Teen Ambassador Qualifications discussed with the board.
- **2025 5th Annual Trash Dash**
 - Date is set as Saturday and Sunday May 3rd and 4th. Location(s) to be determined.
- **Meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.**