



**North Country Regional Workforce Development Board  
Regional Workforce Development Board Meeting  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Adirondack Health: Redfield Conference Rm, Saranac Lake  
8:30 AM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Deb Cleary, Maryellen Cooke, Becky Leahy, John VanNatten, John Vermette, Steven Frederick, Michele Friedman, Brian Post, Sheri Sauve, Alan Smith, Scott Henderson

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Dan Alexander, Cassandra Beauregard, Garry Douglas, Eugene Fox, Mimi Lane, Greg MacConnell, Jay McGrath, Derek Tracy, Joseph Varin, Fran Wynnink, John Bernardi, Carol Calabrese, John Donoghue, Erin Hynes, Stephen Shafer, Marie Benedict

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Staff** – Sylvie Nelson, Kellie Lathrop, Katrina Garrand, Gabrielle Galy

**Guests/Other** – Jane Carpenter, Alan Jones, Joyce Marinelli, Valerie Ainsworth, Joseph Campbell, Russ Kinyon, Anthony Hayden, Kathy Bishop, Pam Dority

**GUEST PRESENTATION:**

Valerie Ainsworth from Essex Co. Mental Health Association presented on their work as a non-clinical health organization that provides supportive mental health services. She spoke about mental health and the resources available to employers in the North Country. They were founded in 1966 in Elizabethtown, by a group of doctors who wanted to make mental health support available to the surrounding area employers. One in four adults struggle with mental health issues, and their goal is to look at the entire wellness of individuals, not just mental health. She stressed the importance of creating an environment where employees feel comfortable asking for mental health care. She talked about the suicide coalitions that are very active and helpful in our area. Mental Health Association can provide information to these coalitions and how to contact them as well as other questions or concerns you may have.

**Call to Order and Introductions**

John Vermette called the meeting to order at 9:02a.m.

**Other Business / Networking:**

Stephen Shafer announced he will be resigning from FEH BOCES at the end of August and plans to still work in educational services in some fashion.

### **Resignation of Board Members**

- Shana Macey, Crown Point Telephone
- Michelle Lebeau, UVHN/CVPH
- Sylvia Getman, Adirondack Health

Due to their professional workload the above listed have resigned from the board.

**Due to lack of quorum there was no motion to vote on any of the items today, voting will be done on these items at the next meeting in May.**

### **Nomination of Board Members**

- Kassandra Beauregard, UVHN/CVPH
- Greg MacConnell, Primelink, Inc.
- Derek Tracy, Adirondack Health

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### **Approval of January 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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### **Finance Report**

No Report

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### **Executive Director's Report**

- ***DW & DW Opioid Grant***, will increase our services and funding to more clients under these unfortunate circumstances. A meeting will be held in a week with our Operators and Partners to finalize the details. Once we have a good understanding of the fine print of these grants, it will enable us to reach out and help as many people as possible.
- ***Board Training and Strategic Planning*** will be held Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort; **Address:** 873 NY-37, Hogansburg, NY 13655. Emails have been sent with all the details and more information will follow as the date approaches.
- ***Rouses Point Workforce Development Seminar***, Garry Douglas has asked the WDB to form a seminar in early June with the Chamber of Commerce and Department of Labor. This is to address their concerns in not being able to find an adequate workforce.
- ***Officially we have been re-certified as the Workforce Development Board***, by the department of labor.

### **OneWorkSource Consortium Committee Report**

#### ***Quarterly OneWorkSource Center Report Update & OneWorkSource Center Data Review***

Alan had nothing new to report, they are going forward as planned and have an upcoming meeting scheduled

### **Youth Committee Report**

- ***Testimonials***, Joyce, Kathy and Joe all shared testimonials from various clients they have worked with. All who have been successful in their working with OWS and now are moving into their desired career paths.
- ***Youth Services RFP*** Brian and Katrina are waiting on proposal submittals and will be reviewing them on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be making a recommendation to the board at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Strategic Planning Meeting.

### **Franklin County New Vision Program**

Stephen introduced Allison Clark, the instructor for their New Vision Program. The program is a collaboration between FEH BOCES and Adirondack Health that offers students hands on experience in a healthcare setting with college credits. Allison provided a slide show with a plethora of information regarding the program. She was joined by student speakers from past and current classes who praised the course and provided insight on how it has impacted their career path.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

**At 10:32a.m. the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Hynes, Board Secretary

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