

Approved at the 1/20/2026 YBCC meeting

**DUTCHESS COUNTY YOUTH BOARD AND COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes –December 16, 2025**

**Present:** Amy Smith, Doni Valitutto, Jaime Hyla, Doreen Clifford, Karmen Smallwood, Alexa Johnson, Katie Cariello  
 Karen Lynch, Rajan Alam, Olivia Clark, Juliana Corbett, Bryan Cranna

Agenda Item	Discussion
Approval of Minutes for November 2025	The vote was pushed to the January meeting as there was not a quorum.
Guest Speaker	Meredith Hamilton, Mark Debald, Emily Dozier gave a presentation and overview of Moving Dutchess Forward and what this plan means to Dutchess County.
Bylaws	The vote was pushed to the January meeting as there was not a quorum.
Assistant Commissioner's Report	The assistant commissioner announced that Dutchess County Community and Family Services will be launching a new initiative focusing on youth at risk for the juvenile justice system. Additionally, as mentioned at a previous YBCC meeting Dutchess County applied for the NY Bricks grant to help fund the YOU. Dutchess County did not receive the grant, but Red Hook Community Center did, and they will be working on utilizing those funds for renovations.
Youth Programs Analyst	The Youth Programs Analyst reported that the 2026 Youth Teams Sports recipients have been notified from the County Executive's office. With the applications that were received and after the awards there was still a balance of \$32,000 to be allocated, with this the grant portal is open for agencies to apply. This also offers the opportunity to those who were awarded funding to apply for supplemental funding. The grant portal will close on December 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
Youth Council	The youth council representative provided an update. Regarding the Governor's Youth Council, the focus this year is on civic education for 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade students. They are working on their presentations for peer review.  The Dutchess County Youth Council had their last meeting on December 11 <sup>th</sup> . At the January meeting, they have invited all past members who just graduated in June to come back and speak on how their transition has been into college.
Board Work	The board broke off into working groups to discuss next month's January meeting where agencies will be invited to talk about the programs that we fund through the New York State YDP, YSEF, RHY, & YTS grants. Next month's meeting will be held at The Art Effect.
	Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:58pm was made by Jaime Hyla; seconded by Karen Lynch.

Submitted by Juliana Corbett, Program Assistant