<u>Present</u>: Juliana Corbett, Karmen Smallwood, Todd Bowen, Monica Baker, Amy Smith, Janine Fitzmaurice, Jennifer Radicone, Karen Lynch, Heather Vosburgh, Freonia Pinto, Talent Davis, Jordan Schinella, Jane Rodd, Marilyn Figueroa, Richard Hooley, Brieanna Thatcher, Sophia Lotto, Deborah Disanza, Laila Alam <u>Guest</u>: Corinne Lesko

Agenda Item	Discussion
Approval of Minutes for November 15, 2022	A motion was made to approve the Nov 15, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved.
Youth Council (YC) Report	The Governor's Youth Council representative provided an update. The presentations done by her region, which is comprised of Dutchess County and 5 other counties, have been completed and they presented to officials. Their focus was on mental health and how mental health days should be included as an excusable absence from school. The representative for the Youth Council reported they met in November and continued to work on their three topic areas school shootings/drugs, pressure, and mental burn out. The December meeting was canceled. The next
	scheduled meeting is January 19, 2023.
Director's Report	The director reported the initiative for the "YOU without walls" is still underway. Moving into 2023, there is a greater push to get this initiative going and offering programs. The idea is for programming to be held at the site of the YOU before the actual building is constructed. There are ideas of programs the YOU can take throughout the county and there will be a representation of programs to be housed at the YOU.
	The fourth and final session of the Youth and Police Initiative (YPI) took place in November. A total of 46 youth completed YPI during the 4 sessions in 2022. Along with the 11 youth from the November session who received their certificates, the 6 trainers representing the New York State Police department, the Dutchess County Sheriff office, the City of Poughkeepsie Police department, and our Youth & Community Engagement Specialist completed the Train the Trainer program. The graduation ceremony was held on Saturday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> at Dutchess Community College. Thank you to the YBCC members who attended.
	On December 29 <sup>th</sup> , new legislation from NYS takes effect, Raise the Lower Age. Youth up to age 12 will no longer be considered a juvenile delinquent if they commit a crime other than manslaughter or murder. Traditionally, when a youth would commit a crime, they would be issued an appearance ticket and go to probation. Now, after December 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2022, they will be referred to the Youth Services Unit for program to support them. The program is voluntary.

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Director's report (continuation)	Camp Nooteeming is working diligently to get information together for what services they will offer over the summer. Many agencies were able to take advantage of the camp last summer and utilize the facility with their youth.
Proposals Committee	The Proposals Committee Chair took a moment to thank the committee members for all their hard work and dedication for reviewing the 2023 grant applications. The vote for the 2023 allocations will take place at the January meeting.
Board Work	Each month, a few board members will be selected to share updates and resources within the areas they work and reside. Heather Vosburgh took a few minutes to share some resources for families.
	The board also took some time to discuss and pick four topic areas for issues they see youth facing today. Groups were picked and they will come together at next month's meeting to discuss the following areas of focus: Mental Health, Transportation, Employment and Financial Literacy, and Drugs and Vaping.
Presentation	Corinne Lesko presented on the Dutchess County Youth Services Unit. She provided an overview of the department and the services they offer youth and their families.
Announcements	Pete's Place at Hudson River Housing – 310 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie. Monday-Friday, 10-6pm & Wednesday, 10-8pm.
	HEARS Family Line – 1-888-554-3277, Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30pm.
	Habitat for Humanity – Youth art contest for art in their new offices.
	Center for Preforming Arts production of RENT - Friday, Saturday & Sunday in January.
	Meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Submitted by Juliana Corbett, Program Assistant