

Association of NYS Youth Courts  
Quarterly Meeting  
NYS Bar Association – Albany, NY  
February 10, 2009

Present: Tom Schulze (Greenburgh Police YC), Ellis Christmas (Town of Greenburgh Police YC), Katrina Charland (Bethlehem YC), Nancy Cormier (Ulster County YC), Katherine Chambers (Warren County YC), Violet Colydas (Colonie YC), Jackie Sherman (Center for Courts and the Community), Cookie Waller (Rochester Teen Court), Deb Holland (Ontario County YC), Lisa Chamberlain (Saratoga County YC), Steve Todisco (Livingston County YC), Jackie Sherman (Center for Courts and the Community), Stacey Whitely- *Host* (NYS Bar Association)  
Conference Call: Susan Taskin (Clinton County YC),

Call to Order at 10:15 am

Introductions

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Lisa Chamberlain to approve the November minutes. Violet Colydas seconded the motion.

Business Reports

Treasurer's Report: Report distributed. Dave Palen was unable to attend. He will be resigning his position as treasurer in the summer. We need to nominate a new treasurer.

Membership Report: As of 2/11/09 there are 26 member courts and 1 associate member court. Membership form can be found on the website. Violet stated that it has been 3 years since a statewide survey has been sent out. She will send out a new survey in March. The National Association of Youth Courts and the Center for Court Innovation will also be conducting surveys this year.

Committees: *Marketing* Susan Taskin reported on the honor cords. She stated that some schools will not allow the students to wear the cords, courts should check before ordering. She will order 300 cords that will sell for \$3.75 a piece. Courts can cut a check and mail payment to Violet Colydas who will distribute the cords.

Old Business

Center for Courts and the Community: Jackie Sherman updated us on the Advisory Committee created to create a recommended practices publication. She stated that things are moving forward, the first advisory meeting is scheduled for 2/18/09 and a survey will be done sometime between May and September of this year.

New Business

Web content – there was a discussion on putting some resources on the website to assist courts with training and other operational needs.

Positions: Katrina Charland offered to take Karen Hurst position as co-secretary. Karen felt the need to step down since she cannot attend most meetings. We will also need to fill the treasurers position in the near future.

NAYC: Violet gave an overview of the National Association of Youth Courts. Karen Green was recently sworn in as the new president. They also hired a former Youth Court director from Florida, Jon Messick to work in the Baltimore office.

Guest Speaker: NYS Director of the Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives, Robert Maccarone. Director Maccarone stated that DPCA could help in brokering relations between Youth Courts and Probation Departments. He spoke about the need for statewide standards for truancy and how interventions must be done earlier. He suggested youth courts train to standards, have criteria for intake, have uniform training, standardize practices, and must have effective interventions to become viable part of the system. He said our vision statement should state what we've accomplished and where we are going.

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Next meeting: May 12, 2009 in Batavia, NY hosted by the Genesee County Youth Court

Respectfully submitted by:

Judy Wolfe - President

Katrina Charland – Co-Secretary

### Meeting Schedule:

May 12 in Batavia

August 25 in Syracuse

November 4 in Greenburgh