

Erie County Youth Board Committees

Darcel Hunter Scholarship Committee: The Darcel Hunter Scholarship Committee shall be entrusted with the responsibility of distributing a scholarship in memory of Darcel Hunter, former Program Coordinator of the Erie County Youth Bureau. This Committee will be responsible for marketing the scholarship to worthy candidates as well as defining the rules and regulations of scholarship distribution. The primary goal of the Committee is selecting the candidate who most embodies the virtues upon which Mr. Hunter devoted his life.

Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee: The Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee is responsible for tracking opportunities for improved Youth Bureau funding. The Committee shall investigate the types of programs being offered by youth agencies and/or develop the type(s) of programs which should be offered. This Committee has the important task of determining where funding is needed the most so that the Youth Bureau may offer the best range of services. This Committee will do so by analyzing the results and outcomes of already funded programs as well as new, unfunded programs, to best suggest a funding direction for the Youth Bureau.

Site Visit Committee: The Site Visit Committee will be responsible for ensuring that every Youth Bureau funded agency receives regular Site Visits from Youth Bureau Staff and Youth Board members. The Site Visit Committee will attend more Site Visits than the required two for Board Members, and will thus be able to report back to the Board with a more detailed view of agency procedures and functioning. This Committee's findings will be essential for the Funding Priorities and Outcomes Committee to determine the best direction for Youth Bureau funding. This Committee is the front line in seeing past program paper applications by being witness to actual program delivery.

Grants Committee: The Grants Committee shall be responsible for researching any new funding opportunities available to the Youth Bureau. This Committee will investigate potential grant opportunities for which the Youth Bureau qualifies. The Committee will decide which grants are worth pursuing and how the Youth Bureau will go about pursuing them—be it through a grant writer or through writing the grant itself. Furthermore, this Committee has the responsibility of tracking all funding coming into the Youth Bureau and ensuring that continued funding is available by lobbying government officials, etc.

Gang and Violence Prevention Committee: The Gang and Violence Prevention Committee shall be responsible for creating initiatives that undermine gang activity and youth violence. This Committee will research opportunities and programs that keep youth out of gangs and out of detention facilities. The Committee is also responsible for ensuring that youth who have already been involved with the Juvenile Justice System are kept on a path that will help them become productive citizens.