

Columbia County Connects Coalition Meeting Minutes October 9, 2009

In Attendance: Jeff Melby, Shontell Baeseman, Kim Biehl, Karen Torgerson, Bob Harm, Anne Thompson, Ken Manthey, Karen Nelson, Michael Thompson-Daily Register, Heather Stenberg, Patti Herman, Nancy Schaper, Rusty Schieber, Robbin Kirk, Ethan Oleson, Kendalynn Luetkens, Liz Miller, Jay Yerges, Jess Ritschke, Curt Hossman, Genevieve Kirchman, Tim Belleau, Laurie Deakins, Meg McCullough, Paula Enger

NEXT MEETING: December 11, 2009

COMMITMENTS:

- *Members to attend the November 13 meeting on Sustaining the Coalition*
- *Clipboard was passed around to find members to be part of a committee to sustain the JUDO program*

Call to Order

Meeting began at 8:37 am.

Introductions

Introductions were made around the table.

Review Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed and the following changes were made: video that Kent brought will be shown in place of the timeline, after the Choices survey a report will be made by the Sustainability Committee, and there will be a report from Teen Court instead of from JUDO.

Approval of Minutes

Liz made the motion to approve the September minutes, Karen T. seconded. The minutes were approved.

10 Year Celebration Review

A Powerpoint celebrating the past 10 years of the Columbia County Connects coalition was shown. Tim spoke about each slide explaining changes that have occurred within the coalition as well as in communities. Discussion followed on the PowerPoint and the programs. A celebratory cake was shared.

Sustainability Committee

Karen N. shared results from the Sustainability Retreat that was held in June. She stated that funding is running out and new funding needs to be secured to be able to sustain existing programs. The results shared were those of attendees who shared what programs they felt should

be retained. Teen Court, Compliance checks and JUDO were the programs attendees felt would be the programs they most would want to retain. Members discussed how these programs could continue to be funded. Also shared was a document on what grants are available, what grants can be renewed, and which are non-renewable. Discussion followed on grants, what's available and what will be cut. Tim also mentioned that he is looking into other grant possibilities for future funding. Discussion also centered on the upcoming hard liquor and beer tax proposals.

Anne stated that a main focus at the sustainability meeting was how to continue funding the JUDO program. Discussion then followed on the recidivism rate of offenders and if that is tracked. It was hoped that law enforcement would be able to track recidivism rate of offenders who were in the JUDO class and those who are repeat offenders who did not go through the JUDO class.

Members at the meeting were surveyed as to the commitment they could make to the coalition. They were also surveyed on what aspects of CCC they are involved in. The end result is that we need to be dependent on volunteer help. Where do we go and how do we sustain the coalition? Who do we recruit? Patti suggested recruiting financial institutions as they have a vested interest in the community. Rusty suggested contacting a bank president to see if that person would be interested in getting involved. There is a need to get more business people involved. The Speakers Bureau would be a good starter group. Discussion followed on what could be done for fundraising and who could be contacted in the business sector. Karen N. talked about how we should research the way JUDO fees are set. Karen T. suggested we look for a sustainability fundraising staff person who would be available to help devise a plan-someone's expertise to tap into.

Video

A video filmed by Neenah High School students was shown. The video was created after a local couple in Neenah was hurt and killed by a drunk driver. Ken Manthey saw the video at the Police Association meeting. Discussion followed the watching of the video. Genevieve attended the showing of the McFarland video, which is similar to the Neenah video. Discussion also centered on whether or not the video is effective. Statistics show that there are immediate effects after watching this type of video, but that effect doesn't last too long. There was also discussion on the fact that the parent in the video was not cited for providing alcohol. There is no evidence of the preventative power of the video, but there is evidence that environmental changes are slowing coming. These videos are probably more effective for parents and impacting their decisions.

Teen Court Update

The students in attendance shared what happened at their annual training. Kendalynn talked about the color trainings; what color she is and what that means. Robbin also shared that a slow-motion mock trial was held and how new Teen Court members are trained. Ethan shared his color and what it means. Meg mentioned that Teen Court has a community service at the Humane Society coming up. Twenty-one youth and three adults attended the recent annual training.

Items not covered at this month's meeting will be tabled until the December meeting. Meg stated that she will share November Sustainability meeting time and details with those who signed up to attend that meeting.

Adjourn

Jay motioned to adjourn, Nancy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.