

Columbia County Connects Coalition Meeting Minutes December 11, 2009

In Attendance: Jeff Melby, Anne Thompson, Karen Nelson, Heather Stenberg, Nancy Schaper, Roxie Dankey-Parent, Curt Hossman, Tim Belleau, Laurie Deakins

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2010

COMMITMENTS:

- *Meg will contact Judge Miller regarding the increased cost for JUDO*

Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 am. Introductions made around the table.

Review Agenda

Members were asked if there were any additions to the agenda. An update on the Parent Project was added.

Approval of Minutes

Motion for approval of October, 2009 minutes was made by Heather and seconded by Nancy. The October minutes were approved.

Recommendations from Sustainability Committee-CCC Fundraising

Nancy reported on a fundraiser that was done at Culver's and how big the turn out was. The thought was that a fundraising could be held at all the Culver's restaurants throughout the county simultaneously. An auction was another idea and it was felt that this would be a good fundraiser to involve kids. This could be held in the spring, possibly May. Maybe the schools could auction off services/activity that the youth groups could do as a whole; make a quilt, serve meals. Nancy stated that the group has tried to get free newspaper ads. Discussion followed on doing promotion for CCC.

A motion was made to recommend the recommendations that the Sustainability Committee came up with. Motion was made by Jeff and seconded by Anne. The thought was that the fundraiser at Culver's could be done early enough in the spring to be able to promote an auction. The motion passed unanimously.

Anne reported on the JUDO class recommendations. One of the recommendations was to raise the class fee starting in January. A suggestion was made that parents could recommend their child to JUDO. An attempt was made to contact local insurance companies in Portage to ask for grants as well as disseminating JUDO information. Discussion followed on the program. A report will be available around February regarding the effectiveness of the program. This report will be generated through information given to the evaluator and through information Curt is gathering.

A motion was made by Anne to implement the JUDO recommendations. Nancy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Funding and Program Updates

At the end of February, the three year UW Partnership grant ends. This grant funds the JUDO, Alcohol Compliance Checks and Teen Court programs. The programs could continue to run after the grant ends, but with a reduced budget. It's possible that the JUDO could be combined. Some of the Teen Court events could be cut back or eliminated. The DFC grant will run until October, 2011. County funds are still being received, but with a \$4,000 cut. The STOP grant is in the second of a four year cycle.

Link 'n Learn

February 17 is the date of the 2010 Link 'n Learn which will be once again held in Green Lake. Tim has funding available for 50-60 students from Columbia County to be able to attend. There will be a one hour keynote speaker from Stevens Point; Hilary Bilbrey. There will also be five to seven breakouts available, lunch, and then a wrap up session with Tim and the students. This will be the 7th year of Link 'n Learn.

Curt has been doing research and classroom work regarding ATOD issues. Most of the classroom work has been done in the Fall River schools. He has also been covering the topic of diversity while at the schools and also setting up a prescription/OTC drug round-up/disposal in Lodi. Students will be promoting the round-up. Curt has also been working on a drug round-up in Wisconsin Dells.

Updates:

Parent Project - Roxie Dankey is a concerned parent and foster parent who contacted the Parent Project of California. She is looking to start the program in the area. There is a branch of the program in Kaukauna, Wisconsin where the trainers live. The concept is to educate parents and teens about communication, accountability, responsibility, regarding their choices. The trainings involve materials and ideas to help empower parents and transform difficult or out-of-control teens. The training helps with teens involved with gangs, alcohol and drugs, and their parents on how to deal with these issues. Roxie feels that this Project would give the parents as well as the teens the tools to deal with these issues. Discussion followed on the program.

Youth Leadership - Recently a retreat for junior high students was held. The students went rock climbing and created messages geared toward alcohol message that adults are sending. The high school retreat was cancelled due to the snow and will be rescheduled for January. There are eight youth groups in Columbia County schools and they are going strong.

YAK (Youth Advisory Kouncil) - A group has been formed with students from the county. Paula is the adult advisor for the group.

Teen Court - There is a bell ringing event scheduled at Wal-Mart on December 13.

Next Meeting Date is February 12. The Asset Builder Celebration is set for March 4 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Portage.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nancy and seconded by Heather. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.