

Columbia County Connects Coalition Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2010

In Attendance: Jeff Melby, Curt Hossman, Nancy Schaper, Heather Stenberg, Jess Ritschke, Karen Nelson, Lyle Burmeister, Bob Harm, Tim Belleau, Laurie Deakins

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2010

COMMITMENTS:

- * Nancy will call Ben Bare to see if a 10% fundraiser can be done at Culver's during the summer.
- * Nancy will speak with Portage City Council to let them know Paula will contact them about students for the 3rd of July Parade.

Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 am. Introductions were not necessary as all present were acquainted.

Review of Agenda

Agenda was reviewed and no additions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Karen Nelson and seconded by Nancy. Minutes approved.

Officer Status

The last election of officers was in May of 2007 and should have taken place in 2009. Discussion followed on action needed. The decision was made to extend Jeff as Chair and Karen N. as co-chair until May, 2011. Motion was made by Nancy to extend the present officer status with Heather seconding. Motion passed.

July 3rd Update/Status

Nancy shared an application for the parade at the last meeting and then provided details about the possible routes for the parade. She mentioned that the City Council wondered if students would be available to walk the parade route beforehand and pass out programs. Nancy will inform them that contact will be made with Paula and the students. Discussion then followed that Teen Court, youth groups, and Step Up, Speak Out students could participate. Members also talked about what could be done in the parade; what kind of float, handouts, etc. Paula and Tim will take care of the application. SUSO students have an upcoming meeting and could discuss what they will do for the parade. There was further discussion on how CCC could be promoted on the float.

Teen Adventures Leadership Summit

Paula reported that there will be another Teen Adventures Leadership Summit this summer. Once again students will be staying overnight and canoeing and rock climbing at Devil's Lake. The Summit will last three days; from noon Tuesday, August 17 through noon Thursday, August 19. The students will be housed at the MacKenzie Center in Poynette. Rock County has asked if Paula could set up a similar retreat with their students.

Culver's

Looking at date to hold Culver's 10% Night. Discussion followed on what date should be scheduled. Nancy will call Ben Bare to see if this is feasible for the summer and then will let Jeff and Tim know.

Updates

Paula inundated the newspapers with the Parents Who Host campaign. Ads were placed in the newspapers in Columbus and Lodi as well as the Portage Daily Register.

Youth Leadership

Tim reported that 70 middle school students and 65 high school students attended the spring retreats. At the year end program, 150 people attended. There is a new leadership program in Fall River and there are 25 students in the group. The group created a video which was shown on channel 15. The Healthy Youth Summit held in March was a factor in the creation of the Fall River and Portage High school youth groups. Teen Court member James Bennett started the Portage Youth Group which took off quickly. There are 40 students who are interested in becoming members and a group of Portage High School students held a retreat in mid-May. The group went to Boulder's Gym and Old Country Buffet. Presently Jim Langkamp, high school athletic director, is the adult contact for the group.

Teen Health Maze

A Teen Health Maze was held recently at the Portage Jr. High School due to an increase in some risky behaviors. Tim explained what the Health Maze consists of. The entire 8th grade at the Jr. high participated. Tim also presented the health maze in Wisconsin Dells in December.

Amazing Alternatives

Tim stated that he presented at the Portage Jr. High School 7th grade year end Amazing Alternatives. He presented information on social norms.

SUSO

The SUSO students met with Lyle and will be promoting the 7-5-10 smoke free event. Paula has contacted the police department about doing a chalk promotion about 7-5-10. The group is also planning a teen dance for the Saturday night of the fair. There will be a DJ and students from the county entering grades 9-12 can participate. These students are very involved in helping with the set up of the Teen Adventures Leadership Summit. Two members (who have graduated) have asked if they can be involved with the summit itself.

Teen Court

Karen N. reported that 7 students were recently trained. The number of cases for teen court has increased in the last months. This was the second time that the new training, developed by Alanna Stapleton, has been used.

Other

Tim discussed that Paula's SUSO group has collected pictures for the "Wall of Shame". It was suggested that the *Wall of Shame* be put on the CCC website along with a message congratulating recent high school graduates. Tim asked if members would support putting this on the website. He also asked if coalition members would be willing to take pictures of alcohol signage around the county. Bob suggested that the website page could be "Do You See What We See" with the pictures. Discussion followed on the community's perception of this advertising and where the display could be shown; County Fair, Culver's, etc.

Tim stated that a Department of Education grant has been applied for and we will know in July whether or not we will receive it. The UW Partnership grant will be ending June 30. There are some funds available to sustain some of the programs. A suggestion was made to apply for a one year \$50,000 grant. DFC funding will run out September, 2011 and we will also need to reapply for the DPI grant next year. County funding has been less than in the past.

Curt reported that another prescription drop off was held in Lodi. This drop off was not as large as the previous one, but still successful.

Jess reported on a children's workshop that held in Portage in April. About 30 people attended and there will be another workshop in Columbus in the future. She also mentioned that the shelter and office will be consolidating. Jess asked if there were students/student groups who could volunteer to help with the consolidation. Tim and Paula mentioned the possibility of the youth groups helping out as part of their fall retreat. The consolidation may take place around November. Bob asked Jess if any contacts had been made to Hope House after the recent sexual assault poster campaign in the schools.

Paula mentioned that the Pardeeville youth group recently did some landscaping at the River Haven shelter in Portage.

On June 7 a press conference will be held regarding the state's smoke free status. Bob asked about the outdoor smoking areas and what type of structures will be utilized. Jeff stated that the definition has become very gray. The concept is that the outdoor area needs to have walls and roof, but does not need to be independent of the building. Any businesses trying to get around the law could find themselves in a legal dispute. The intent of the law is to be smoke free. Discussion followed on how businesses/organizations could be affected.

Tim thanked Curt for his work for CCC. The AmeriCorps funding will continue but Curt's work with CCC is ending. Curt has opened the lines of communication in the schools, has started the prescription drug drop offs in various communities, and has helped with CCC curriculums and trainings. Tim is looking for someone to continue the work that Curt has begun. A possible replacement would be Jenny Steingraeber who conducted the Teen Adventures Leadership Summit last summer.

Lyle stated that the name of the tobacco coalition has changed from Dane/Columbia Tobacco Free Coalition to Columbia/Dane Tobacco Free Coalition. The next volunteer meeting will be held June 10.

Next Meeting Dates

The coalition does not meet over the summer. Tentative meeting dates for the next school year have been set: September 10, 2010, October 8, 2010, December 10 2010, February 11, 2011, April 8, 2011, and June 3, 2011. The June meeting will not be held on a Friday so that members not able to attend in the past will be able to do so.

Jeff shared a handout on the affect of alcohol on brain development in youth involved in athletics and athletic training.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Heather with Nancy seconding. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.