

# **Youth Alcohol and Drug Program\***

## **Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday October 29, 2007**

**4:00-5:30pm @ HSI Conf. Room**

### **Attendance:**

Paul Jennings (Chair), Sheri Vrieze (Recorder), Mike Ptacek, Kate Flynn, Pat Zanko, Rick Wippler, Kathryn Schneider, Orwin Carter, Mark Mischke, Jean Streeter, Natalie Fedie, Becca Wilson, Others?

### **Minutes**

1. Paul Jennings called the meeting to order. It was unanimously passed to accept the minutes of our last meeting.
2. Our committee welcomed the following new members: Colleen Danford, Kris Huntley and Jo Ann Sprain.
3. Forum Follow Up: Sheri read and summarized surveys that were filled out by forum attendees. She will compile comments into a summary for us to keep and refer back to. Generally the attendees were very supportive of our four suggested program points and no disagreements or criticisms of our goals were noted. A theme that came through was the desire to have parents and the community further educated on alcohol and drug issues, especially how their attitudes and behaviors impact teen behavior. Attendees strongly voiced the fact that they value kids. Some new contacts were noted that Sheri will update to our master contact list.
4. Program Planning: Regarding further committee research or education that might be needed the idea was brought up of possibly running some focus groups or doing some surveys (the CHAC is doing this). An identified need was to find out and document/summarize in writing who (groups, individuals, organizations) is doing what in Stillwater as pertains to youth alcohol and drug issues. Another need is to develop some focused hand-out materials to the public on youth alcohol and drug issues. Regarding further recruiting needed, we discussed the need to come up with some youth representatives and Mark will work on this. We decided that we will continue to try to recruit at least one pastor, doctor and attorney. We would also welcome more business people on the committee. Paul requested members to go ahead and invite potential committee members they might know. Regarding future action objectives, Jo Ann suggested we add a fifth objective: to attempt to change the community norms and culture through group support, referrals and outreach to parents especially. This idea was adapted by the committee as a fifth program element (we will refine the verbage later). At the next meeting Paul will propose a way forward in organizing and prioritizing the work we want to accomplish and suggest some possible timelines.

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5. Web Site Development: The survey will be added to the Rotary web site ([www.stillwatersunriserotary.org](http://www.stillwatersunriserotary.org)) as well as a way for interested people to contact the YADP. Minutes from our meetings may also be posted to the web site in the future as well.
6. Other Per Committee Members: Jean Streeter volunteered to do a presentation to the committee at our next meeting on what the county has done and is doing. Paul will contact Sheri to see if she would be willing to do the same on the CHAC.

**Next Meeting:**

November 26<sup>th</sup> (Monday), 4-5:30pm @ HSI Conference Room

**Submitted by:**  
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\*YADP is a community initiative in cooperation between the Stillwater Sunrise Rotary and the Chemical Health Action Collaborative.