

Youth Alcohol and Drug Program
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 26, 2007
4:00-5:30pm
Human Services, Inc.

Attendance: Paul Jennings, Sheri Vrieze, Mike Ptacek, Kate Flynn, Pat Zanko, Rick Wippler, Kathryn Schneider, Orwin Carter, Vern Hill, Mark Mischke, Rev. Karen Williams, Becca Wilson, Rev. Larry Forsberg, Pam Johnson, Joan Sprain, Colleen Danford

Minutes

1. Paul Jennings called the meeting to order. It was unanimously passed to accept the minutes of our last meeting. The agenda was approved.
2. New members were introduced and included Pam Johnson with the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Rev. Larry Forsberg with prison fellowship, and Vern Hill with Young Life.
3. Forum Survey Summary – This data has yet to be compiled entirely. Sheri will complete the summary and email it out prior to our next meeting. She will also have survey data available from the larger CHAC committee on environmental supports as they continue to complete interviews with key informants. This will be presented at upcoming meetings as it is gathered.
4. City of Stillwater Adopted Resolution – The City of Stillwater followed closely behind the action of the Chamber of Commerce, in adopting a resolution for community awareness on alcohol and drug abuse on 10/30/07. There will be an upcoming press release on this second resolution in the Stillwater Gazette.
5. Publicity and Community Relations – There have been recent publications in the Gazette and Courier as to the actions with YADP. Please bring in these clippings if you have them available. Information continues to be accessible as to the activities of YADP through the rotary website at:
<http://www.stillwatersunriserotary.org/> . It was further discussed that the meeting minutes be accessible through the website as well as a list of steering committee members. There was no one present opposed to being listed on the web site.
6. Financial Support – The Rotary has collected the funds to support the new CHPS position in Stillwater schools. Louisa Leinke will start in that position next week and the Rotary will forward those funds to the fiscal agent for the position. There will continue to be a need for long term supported funding for this position and will be an action step in this area. Paul also reported that he has had a conversation with Martha Nagle of the United Way. She suggested that this

group may be able to be adopted as a United Way agency to receive access to funds. One of our work groups will explore this possibility.

7. Committee Development –

A) Recruitment: We will continue to recruit members for the steering committee. Ed Simonet, Atty. has expressed a desire to become part of the meetings and Rev. Forsberg will be a key clergy contact as well as Chris Huntley and Rev. Karen Williams. We will continue to cultivate a physician contact and Kate will follow up on this.

B) Educational Presentation: Sheri presented on the Chemical Health Action Collaborative, its evolution, mission, accomplishments, resources and current standing. Discussion focused on the committees of the Collaborative and how they can support the joint efforts of the collaborative and YADP. It was suggested that a member of the steering committee be a liaison to the environmental support committee of the Collaborative. Sheri will connect with Kate to discuss this possibility further.

8. Program Planning – Paul reviewed a program planning, process, organization and timetable which highlighted the five action steps the committee has established. It is hoped that the committee as a whole will prepare for our next meeting by taking some time to identify strategies in each of the five objective areas. These will be shared at the next committee meeting and then five work groups will be established by area of interest. It is hoped that each work group will then move forward with the development of resources needed and action steps for each of the prioritized strategies. This work pages are attached for those who were not able to be present. **Please review prior to the next meeting.**

9. Standing Time for Meetings – Discussion was held in this area; however, no consensus was reached and will be tabled until our next meeting. Please come prepared with times and days that are most amenable for you.

Next meeting to be held on Monday, December 10th at the Stillwater Library from 4-5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheri Vrieze

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