



Linn County Partnership Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2008

Call to Order

Sue Wolrab called to order the regular meeting of the Linn County Partnership on Substance Abuse at 3:37pm on August 28, 2008 in the St. Luke's Chemical Dependency Conference Room.

Introductions:

In attendance: Sue Wolrab, Dani Lind, Stephanie Neff, Mike Wyrick, Sarah Elliott, Erin Gavin, Melissa Walker, Amy Buelau, Kathy Potts, Heather Armstrong, Scott Elam, Lisa Flemming-Lamb, Lynette Richards, Dorothy deSouza Guedes, Lisa Kuzela. Announcement reminding all members to complete the In-Kind Form and for New Members to complete the registration in green packet.

Approval of July Minutes: Additions to attendee list included Melissa Walker and Scott Elam and a request for more description related to Melissa's suggestion in discussion about LCPSA actions for prevention related to flood victims.

Announcements:

Request by Stephaine to submit nominations for upcoming board elections. All members are eligible as long as they or their agency are not directly paid by the grant. Submit bio to post to website. Post before Nov elections.

ASAC awarded Jones County DFC Grant: Effective Oct 1st. support prevention activities in Jones CO. Office located in Anamosa in ASAC location.

DCAT funding: (approx. \$4800) Need volunteers for committee for media campaign – Responsibilities include watching one/both focus groups facilitated by Vernon. Focus groups will be parents talking about existing/new media campaigns. Contact Stephanie (chair). Overview: Pulled info form survey and current media to test. Volunteers in meeting included Mike Dani, Lisa, Erin, Sue.

Bylaws discussion forum: appreciate any feedback or changes: Melissa requested that we post some of the past issues and discussions to spark ideas.

Financial:

Take Charge Funding Request: Approved by board contingent on LSPCA involvement. Need more coalition involvement to get with youth. Contact Erin Gavin if interested in participating or volunteering. LCPSA will donate items and volunteer to check in students.



ASAC August Invoice: Contracted amount \$3083.33 for FTE provided by ASAC to support activities and community prevention efforts. Discussion about Jones County DFC and reiteration of work being done by HLCN and ASAC to provide services in community. Dani motioned to approve, seconded by Lisa. Abstentions: Melissa & Erin. Approved by unanimous vote.

Discussed renewal of ASAC contract and benefits of not renewing. Preparation to vote in September.

- ASAC employees would be able to run for office and this would free up funding for coalition activities.
- Lisa raised concern that Sedlecek has been missing out on funding/grants. It was discussed that ASAC is providing prevention services and not counseling/treatment services for coalition.
- Increased capacity to be able to support activities via coalition instead of paying ASAC. Doing more collaborative projects.
 - 2 goals increase community collaboration (importance of sectors)
 - Reduce and prevent youth substance abuse – identify what we want to do. Any agencies or organizations could request support from LCPSA.

Drinking Age Legislation: Stephanie will start a discussion on lowering the drinking age (thread) lowering the drinking age. Looking for different perspectives.

Strategic Planning:

Logic Model – overview (organize prevent/reduce substance abuse. Ongoing, will change over time, will become more comfortable (template for your role in community) fit activities into model, guide planning, how coalition might provide support.

- Last time coalition voted on list of risk factors (peer family individual) ROOT CAUSES (the but why)
- Start with what we already know :Linn Co youth are using Alcohol and Marijuana: Focus on Alcohol first

Demonstrate “But Why”: 1) Peer use 2) alcohol is available 3) favorable attitudes 5) life stressors (used top two - provided handout) Provided sample community to paint picture

Next steps to think about – Interventions (not any one thing will reduce youth using alcohol but instead it is many actions that influence. Look at intervention mapping techniques and identify how we as a coalition will (insert intervention here) Will post into a discussion thread. Support existing or identify gaps.

LCPSA Workgroup Updates:



Lorna and Erin open houses and registration nights at high schools. LCPSA needs these dates and find out about getting information into the schools (guidance offices, school groups, etc) Erin shared articles and handouts from CADCA training and addressing why “21” (can these be posted to web sites?)

Upcoming Events:

- Take Charge Conference from 8:30 -2pm at Iowa Hall @ Kirkwood Community College. Youth conference advocacy dealing with Drugs & Alcohol, adding info session on Facebook, myspace and bullying, how to talk to press, how to run a group “Take charger conference group”
- Establish partnership as a resource and glimpse of conference benefits
- ASAC will do something for Red Ribbon Week – order ribbons to distribute to advocate (everyone makes a difference) Where to order? There is a website www.redribbonweek.org
- Revisit meeting times in upcoming months – people arriving late and leaving early. What other times work better?
- LCPSA should consider proactive approach for getting into schools – discussion in next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10

Next Meeting: September 18, 2008, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

- a. Vernon Research Group Data Presentation
- b. Vote on ASAC Contract
- c. Submit Other agenda items to Board Members

ACTIONS:

Dani – place some info out to spark conversations

