

“FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE” COLLABORATIVE BOARD

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
800 Moran Street, Oil City, PA 16301
November 10th, 2011 – 12:00 PM

Rita Anderton
Missy Bensink
Heather Beshaw
Josh Botts
Richard Buzard
Brenda Carll
Bre Chisholm
Vicki Confer
Karen Cross
Mareeta Durney
Diana Erwin

Kathy Gonzales
Susan Goss
Rosie Griep
Susan Huffman
Debb Kapp
Stephen Kosak
Lisa Kray
Sherry Kulinski
Kathleen Lane
Emilee Langer
Angie Merchant

Brandi Owens
Sharon Peterson
Marie Plumer
Amy Punky
Nichole Rehberg
Candy Reina
Martin Richards
Richard Romigh
Kip Vitka
Dustin Zitterbart

Invocation: Sharon Peterson

Caring Habits: Bre Chisholm

Review of the Minutes:

Motion made by Candy Reina and was duly seconded by Susan Goss to approve the minutes as recorded.

Introductions: Lisa Kray, Program Coordinator for Heart 2 Heart

Treasurer’s Report: Dustin Zitterbart

Beginning Balance	\$4,924.93
Revenue	
Clarion University-FOOF Forum	\$500.00
Total Revenue	\$500.00
Expenses	
FOOF Forum	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$500.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$4,924.93</u>

Old Business: Emilee Langer thanked Susan Huffman and Dustin Zitterbart for their donation of gift cards.

Success Stories:

- Susan Goss – kids are not coming to probation as often as they have been during the 14 years at her job. Susan said that the Focus On Our Future Collaborative Board is doing their job; kids on probation usually average around 150 kids a year; there were only 68 kids so far this year.

New Business:

- Susan Goss will be retiring on December 9th. Vicki Confer presented a cake, cards, and some gifts to Susan for her retirement celebration. Candy Reina mentioned how kids respected Susan; attributed young people’s success to Susan’s guidance. Bre Chisholm said that FGDM would not be where it is today without Susan. Martin Richards also mentioned the respect that kids had for Susan. Susan commented that God had put her in the right place at the right time.

Presentation: Lisa Kray and Brandi Owens – Heart 2 Heart Parent Support Network

- Heart 2 Heart has moved into their new building (the old Salvation Army building in Franklin.) In the new office is a food pantry, clothing room, and counseling services. There are also six new computers to be used for job searches, resumes, etc. The food pantry is getting low on supplies. Steve Kosak suggested that everyone bring in some canned food to the next FOOFCB meeting to support their food pantry.
- Girls Circle is for girls 9 to 25 years old to have safe and fun spaces for talking, sharing experiences, creating, telling stories, and uniting in sisterhood and friendship. Meetings are from 5:00 to 7:00, (Tuesday, 9 to 12 yrs.; Wednesday, 13 to 16 yrs.; Thursday, 17 to 25 yrs.) The cost is free; RSVP to lkray@heart2heartpsn.org or by calling 814-657-8770. Please see www.girlscircle.com.
- The kids in the group have changed the Smart ACID name to Community Youth Connection. CYC is an open group of Venango County youth and young adults who want to give input on “The System.” The meetings are every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. The 2nd is more of a structured and focused meeting; the 4th is more relaxed, generalized support and work or an activity, (9 to 14 yrs. from 5:00 to 6:30; 15 and up from 6:30 to 8:00.) The services offered are tutoring, mentoring, employment, housing assistance, independent living skills, work readiness, and therapy. The goal is to promote self-advocacy skills for youth when faced with a crisis.
- Parent Café is on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00. This is an informal, open discussion forum for parents, guardians, and caregivers of all kinds who care for children/adolescents of all ages. This is a confidential, yet comfortable atmosphere for individuals to share concerns, ask questions, seek and provide advice, and share with others
- Heart 2 Heart Parent Support Network offers support, education, advocacy, and resources for: Adoption, Foster, Care, Kinship Care, Attachment Disorders, Trauma and Neglect, Developmental Disabilities, Transition Age Youth, Autism, ADD/ADHD, Traumatic Brain Injury, Bi-Polar Disorder, Depression, and Anxiety.

Program Reports:

- **H.E.L.P.** – most of the referrals are recurring.
- **Early Head Start/First Families Network** – Missy Bensink
 - The voting for the new name is over; Families First Head Start won.
 - EARLY HEAD START
 - 88 EHS Enrolled Families
 - 114 of 116 EHS Slots (107 children / 7 Pregnant Woman)
 - 2 open slots will within 30 day enrollment period
 - 0 of 116 EHS slots were over-income (0%)
 - 23 Slots on EHS Wait List
 - 173 EHS Home Visits made out of 180 for 96.1%
 - 6 out of 88 EHS enrolled families attended 1 playgroup during September for 6.8%
 - 5 out of 88 EHS enrolled families attended 2 playgroups during September for 5.7%
 - 22 out of 107 EHS enrolled children received Early Intervention services during September for 20.1%
 - 41 out of 107 EHS enrolled children have a dental home during September for 38.3%
 - EHS REFERRAL:

Base Service Unit	1
Early Head Start	1
Early Intervention	3
Jail Out Reach	1
Self	1
Twin Creeks Head Start	3
Welcome Every Child	20
TOTAL	30
 - NURSE HOME VISITOR:
 - 7 Enrolled Families
 - 8 Slots
 - 0 Pregnant Teen / 0 Pregnant Woman / 8 Children
 - 50 TANF Home Visits Made

- WELCOME EVERY CHILD:
 - 20 Baskets delivered
 - 9 married / 11 single mothers (4 teen)
 - 8 of 20 receive MA
 - 9 of 20 considered at risk – 9 referred to EHS/NHV
 - 145 Volunteer hours
- **S.H.I.P.** – Sharon Peterson
 - To let the FOOFCB know what is happening with neighboring SHIP partners, Sharon Peterson reported that Crawford County’s SHIP coalition (Crawford Health Improvement Coalition or CHIC) had their annual meeting at the end of October. From a county assessment, CHIC’s focused its goals the chronic disease areas of cancer, obesity, and smoking. The annual meeting brought in an epidemiologist, Dr. Eugene Lengerich, from Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute who discussed how to make progress in community–based cancer prevention and control. A project in Crawford County, Strong Women: New STEPS was part of Dr. Lengerich’s study and indicated that important cancer prevention behaviors are being implemented through community collaboration. These strategies are reducing the incidence of cancer and changing lives in the communities.
 - Sharon will bring information about the 2011-2016 SHIP guidance that has recently been released to a future meeting.

Announcements:

- Brenda Carll – Ballerina Day will be on December 17th; will need volunteers for the 6:00 to 7:00 and the 7:00 to 8:00 time slot. Please contact Brenda if you are interested in volunteering.
- Liz Merchant – NW Rural AIDs Alliance will have free HIV and Hepatitis C testing.
- Bre Chisholm – FDC Class will be going on in December.
- Heather Beshaw – Outreach Program; Heather will be giving a report in June.

Task Force Committee Reports: Odd Months

- **Fatherhood Initiative** – Josh Botts
 - 24/7, Family Group, Jail Group, Papa Class at Oil City High School are all going on now. Getting a lot of referrals for 24/7 from CYFS; eight women signed up for the class. The groups are going well.
 - Looking for a volunteer as a co-facilitator for Fatherhood Programs; 24/7 and Jail Groups.
 - Steve Kosak mentioned that 24/7 will benefit any new father.
- **Venango Kid Connection** – Candy Reina
 - Now meeting quarterly.
- **Planning Task Force** – Marie Plumer and Vicki Confer
 - The mission of the Planning Task Force and the FOOFCB were discussed. Vicki read the mission of the Planning Task Force and the mission of the FOOFCB.
 - The Annual Forum was also discussed; funding will be cut; funding may not be available for the Forum next year.
 - Vicki discussed the Forum with the group and encouraged them to let Jayne Romero know their input.
 - Martin Richards mentioned who was not present at the meeting; police, school officials, etc.; wondering how effective the group could be without key stakeholders present at the meetings. Sharon Peterson suggested doing some recruiting of some key stakeholders. Steve Kosak stated that the FOOFCB has a good history; it needs to energize.
- **Teen Pregnancy Prevention**
- **SOLO – Supporting Offenders Loved Ones**
- **Walk Works**
- **Building Communities** – Emilee Langer – will give updates at the next meeting.
 - **Dental**
 - **Weed and Seed**
 - **BCCI – Budget Cut Impact**

Task Force Committee Reports: Even Months

- **Family Group Decision Making**
- **Family Developing Credentialing**
- **Homeless Teens**
- **Together We Can ATOD Prevention Council**
- **Safe Kids Coalition**
- **Circles Out Of Poverty**
- **BBCI – Budget Cut Impact**

Adjourn: A motion was made by Josh Botts; second motion made by Emilee Langer to adjourn the meeting.