

“FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE” COLLABORATIVE BOARD

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
800 Moran Street, Oil City, PA 16301
April 14, 2011 – 12:00 PM

Rita Anderton
Kristin Arendash
Melissa Bensink
Josh Botts
Krysta Carson
Bre Chisholm
Vicki Confer
Diana Erwin
Melissa Fulton

Kathy Gonzales
Susan Huffman
Hank Johnson
Trish Klock
Stephen Kosak
Sherry Kulinski
Deanna Meehan
Emily Miller
Robyn Ohmer

Marie Plumer
Candy Reina
Terri Roberts
Richard Romigh
Patty Spence
Erin Tiger
Kip Vitka
Dustin Zitterbart

Chairperson: Vicki Confer

Invocation: Rita Anderton

Caring Habits: Diana Erwin

Review of the Minutes:

Motion made by Stephen Kosak and was duly seconded by Kathy Gonzales to approve the minutes as recorded.

Introductions:

Trish Klock – Family Services and Children’s Aid Society
Emily Miller – Youth Alternatives

Announcements/Flyers/Brochures:

- Kristen Arendash – The budget was deleted; now collecting letters from individuals to show support for the Weed and Seed Program. Asking for a letter of support from the board to the state legislatures. Candy Reina made the motion to write a letter.
- Marie Plumer – May is Mental Health Awareness Month. There is a new drop-off center on Grandview Road in Oil City; it is the old Base Service Unit location. On May 21st there will be a 5 K Mental Health Anti-Stigma Health Walk from Franklin to Oil City; \$2,200 in sponsorship so far.
- Candy Reina – Youth retreat at Camp Coffman. Camp Coffman is free as long as we do some work at the camp. Mr. Spence has two spring work days planned; April 30th and May 21st.
- Luz Merchant – Flyer for the Pennsylvania Mid-Atlantic AIDS Education Training Center – Impact of HIV on the Community: Hepatitis C, and Dental Management. The seminar will be held on May 6th at the Salvation Army Dental Center, 217 Sycamore Street in Oil City. This program will present an update on HIV, Hepatitis C, and the role of the dental professionals in caring for patients with HIV.
- Melissa Fulton – Big Brothers Big Sisters will have a Pinewood Derby at the Rocky Grove Fire Hall on June 4th sponsored by Toyota Scion. Please call 676-9940, ext. 28.

Treasurer's Report: Dustin Zitterbart
Collaborative Board Operations 2011
Beginning Balance \$4,899.93
Indicator Report Sales \$25.00
Ending Balance \$4,924.93

Old Business: None

New Business: Vicki Confer – There will be no monthly meeting on May 12th due to the annual forum being held on that day.

Success Stories:

Stephen Kosak

- At the Children's Roundtable meeting learned of the Prep Program at the Oil City High School developed by Joe Carrico; this program helps students graduate.

Vicki Confer

- Children's Day was a success; 450 children attended.

Presentation: Walk Works – Patty Spence

- The Oil City YMCA is partnering with the University of Pittsburgh to do the Walk Works program. The month of May will be the kick-off for the program. Walk Works will concentrate in four areas; Cranberry, Oil City, Franklin, and Two Mile Run; still need people for the Two Mile Run area. The route has to be assessable and be about one mile long. Will be partnering with businesses, churches, and school districts; will soon be putting on presentations at the schools. The program is completely free and prizes will be offered.

Program Reports:

- **H.E.L.P.** – Kip Vitka
 - Had one referral
- **Early Head Start/First Families Network** – Melissa Bensink
 - Early Head Start:
 - 84 EHS Enrolled Families
 - 116 of 116 EHS Slots (111 children, 5 Pregnant Woman)
 - 0 open slot will within 30 day enrollment period
 - 0 of 116 EHS slots were over-income (0%)
 - 28 Slots on EHS Wait List
 - 220 EHS Home Visits made out of 250 for 88.0%
 - 13 out of 84 EHS enrolled families attended 1 playgroup during February for 15.5%
 - 5 out of 84 EHS enrolled families attended 2 playgroups during February for 6.0%
 - 19 out of 111 EHS enrolled children received Early Intervention services during February for 17.1%
 - 55 out of 111 EHS enrolled children have a dental home during February for 49.5%
 - EHS Referral:
 - CYS 1
 - Early Head Start 4

- Self 1
 - UPMC Northwest 1
 - Welcome Every Child 12
 - TOTAL 19
- Nurse Home Visitor:
 - 14 Enrolled Families
 - 16 Slots
 - 0 Pregnant Teen / 1 Pregnant Woman / 15 Children
 - 61 TANF Home Visits Made
- Welcome Every Child:
 - 30 Baskets delivered
 - 10 married / 20 single mothers (6 teen)
 - 24 of 30 receive MA
 - 18 of 30 considered at risk – 18 referred to EHS/NHV
 - 167 Volunteer hours
- S.H.I.P. - None

Task Force Committee Reports: Odd Months

- **Fatherhood Initiative**
- **Venango Kid Connection**
- **Planning Task Force**
- **Dental**
- **Teen Pregnancy Prevention**
- **Weed & Seed**
- **SOLO – Supporting Offenders Loved Ones** – Kristin Arendash
 - June 15th will be the first meeting at Heart 2 Heart in Franklin. Still looking for a location in Oil City.
- **Walk Works**

Task Force Committee Reports: Even Months

- **Family Group Decision Making** – Bre Chisholm
 - Child to Family Connections has hired a new FGDM Coordinator; her name is Emily McWilliams.
 - There were nine Family Groups in the last quarter and two scheduled for this month.
 - The next FGDM Advisory Team meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 9:00 am in Franklin.
- **Family Developing Credentialing** – Bre Chisholm
 - There is one month of class left and will be administering an exam in June.
 - There are currently 17 students.
 - There is a Portfolio Advisor Training scheduled for June 29th in Franklin. The training is one day, and open to anyone with a Bachelor's Degree; the training is free. Please contact Bre Chisholm at 437-3862.
- **Homeless Teens** - None
- **Together We Can ATOD Prevention Council** – Susan Huffman
 - TGFDP Program: Finished the Too Good Drugs on March 16th with 91 fifth graders at Hasson Heights and March 19, 2011 at Valley Grove Elementary with 66 students in the fifth grade.
 - TEG: Susan completed Tobacco Education Group for seven Oil City High School Students and two middle school students on February 22, 2011. She also completed a Tobacco

Education Group on March 2nd for 4 Franklin High School Students, and she facilitated a Tobacco Education Group on March 19th for 10 Venango County students.

- Project Alert: Susan finished Project with 17 seventh graders at Valley Grove Elementary on March 14, 2011; she started another class on April 12 for 16 students.
- Presentations: Susan had three presentations on Drug Trends and Talking Points to two adults. She made a presentation on alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs to 32 sixth grade students at Victory Elementary and 17 sixth grade students at Seventh Street in Franklin Area School District. On February 29th she presented to a job training class at UPMC.
- TGDV: Susan taught five lessons of the TOO Good for Drug and Violence to ninth grade students at Oil City High School. The classes ended on April 5, 2011 for 64 students.
- Children's Day: Area youth created over 400 Frisbees at the table provided by Family Service & Children's Aid Society.
- Health Fair: May 17 & 18, Lead & Seed are going to present Samantha the Skunk to Venango County Third Graders.
- Safety Bug will be at the Oil City High School and Franklin High School on April 18th and April 21st is "Power Talk 21 day". Encourage parents to talk to parent about ATODs.
- On Applebee Pond: Susan will be training Rocky Grove High School Students to present the play and they will present the play to K-2 at Valley Grove Elementary on May 10th.
- **Connect by 25** – Bre Chisholm
 - One student made the Principals list and one student made the Honor Roll on the last report card. One senior has been accepted to Triangle Tech.
- **Safe Kids Coalition** – Diana Erwin
 - Our recent focus has been on fundraising so that we can purchase the safety items that we need for upcoming programs, and we have been pretty successful. Not counting the \$2,500 that we received from the sale of the van, we have been able to add \$985 to the treasury. Thank you to everyone that purchased or helped to sell the Rada Cutlery.
 - We were awarded a \$1,000 grant to purchase cribs for the Cribs for Kids Program.
 - The Car Seat Check held during the spaghetti dinner was our most successful yet; 37 seats were checked and 7 were replaced. The Venango County Sherriff's Department now has several employees trained as CPS technicians and this was their first car seat check; they did a phenomenal job. Clarion County Safe Kids also helped us out by sending a technician. We did have a poor turnout for the dinner, but due to donations and the fact that all the food and paper products were donated by the Franklin K of C, Timothy Hartle form Hartle's Funeral Home, and the owner of Martino's and K & B Pizza, we still made \$297.
- **Circles Out Of Poverty** – Stephen Kosak
 - The Task force is still in its early stages. The next meeting will be at 10:00 am in the conference room at the Good Hope Lutheran Church.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Candy Reina and duly seconded by Robyn Ohmer to adjourn the meeting.