

“FOCUS ON OUR FUTURE” COLLABORATIVE BOARD

GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
800 Moran Street, Oil City, PA 16301
June 9, 2011 – 12:00 PM

Jessica Anna
Melissa Bensink
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Carmella Parris
Sharon Peterson
Candy Reina
Terri Roberts
Richard Romigh
Dot Shaffer
Kerri Smayda
Patty Spence
Dorothy Staub
Dustin Zitterbart

Chairperson: Vicki Confer

Invocation: Sharon Peterson

Caring Habits: Candy Reina

Review of the Minutes:

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

Introductions:

Jessica Anna – AmeriCorps
Richard Buzard – CYFS/Effective Safe Parenting

Announcements/Flyers/Brochures:

- Dr. Carie Forden – The Planning Task Force will be working on a theme from the Appreciative Inquiry exercise, and asked the Collaborative Board to pick the theme. A vote was taken and the “Working on Strengths” theme was selected. The follow-up will be at the next FOOF Collaborative meeting on July 14th.
- Susan Goss – Oil Heritage Week; Susan will be out of state during that week and is asking for help supervising the kids in the park. Susan passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help during Oil Heritage Week please contact Susan, sgoss@co.venango.pa.us; the dates are July 21st through July 24th.
- Josh Botts – Solo Task Force; meetings will be the first Wednesday of the month starting on July 6th at Heart 2 Heart in Franklin. Heart 2 Heart is located in the old Salvation Army building. The meetings will be scheduled for six months. Josh passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. If interested please contact Josh, jbottsfscas@usachoice.net.

- Kerri Smayda – UPMC is having a babysitting program for 11 to 13 year old children. It is currently full, but they do have a waiting list, please contact Kerri if you are interested, smaydaka@upmc.edu. UPMC will have a prostate screening on June 21st from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Registration is required; please call 677-1463.
- Dorothy Staub – New project to get students employed after graduation; begins at the end of August. This project is for any student with a disability; will be referred to VTDC.
- Missy Bensink – Community Engagement Group is now called LEARN; there will be no meeting next month.
- Candy Reina – Candy still needs descriptions of the Task Forces; a quick synopsis of each Task Force. Please contact Candy with your Task Force information, c-creina@state.pa.us.
- Heart 2 Heart Family Center – “Lunch Bunch” starting June 20th from 11:30 to 1:30; lunch will be served with a fun activity to follow. Please call 437-7000 to pre-register; No Charge. Family Center is located at 304 13th Street, Franklin (old Salvation Army Building).
- Heart 2 Heart Family Center – Girls Circle, for girls all ages; registration if free. To register: contact Lisa or Brandi, 437-7000. For more information please visit www.girlscircle.com.
- Heart 2 Heart Family Center – Community Youth Connection; CYC is an open group of Venango County youth and young adults who want to give input on “The System.” Meetings every 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. For dates, times, and questions please contact: Brandi Owens, cyc@heart2heartpsn.org or Ladona Strouse, lstrouse@heart2heartpsn.org.
- Heart 2 Heart Family Center – Parent Café, the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This is an informal, open discussion forum for parents, guardians, and caregivers of children/adolescents of all ages. For questions and to RSVP please contact Shanin Kelly, shanin@heart2heartpsn.org or Ladona Strouse, lstrouse@heart2heartpsn.org.
- Heart 2 Heart Family Center – Movie Night from 5:00 to 8:00, July 1st and September 2nd. Call 437-7000.
- Heart 2 Heart Family Center, Family Game Day, July 9th, August 20th, and September 17th from 3:00 to 8:00 pm, please call 437-7000.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Vicki Confer recognized Susan Goss receiving an award at the Annual Community Forum, and read Susan’s thank you card.

Success Stories:

- Shaun Burke – MTFC in Venango County is the only MTFC program in the state to receive a certificate; received the certificate last November.
- Josh Botts – Oil City High Freshman Experience; will have a captive audience for the Papa Program, the teen pregnancy prevention program.

Presentation: CRI – Adult Autism Waiver Services – Laurel Finegan

Community Resources for Independence is a Support Coordinator Provider for the Bureau of Autism’s Adult Autism Waiver Program in 19 counties in northwestern and central PA. The

Autism Waiver is a program of services designed specifically to meet the needs and profile of people 21 years of age and older with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). To be eligible you have to have a diagnosis of ASD, be 21 years or older at the time of application, live in PA, and meet the financial and functional eligibility. The goals of the Adult Autism waiver are to increase the person's ability to care for themselves, decrease family/caregiver stress, increase quality of life for both individual and their family, provide specialized support to adults with an ASD based on need, help adults with ASD reach their employment goals, support more involvement in community activities, and to decrease crisis episodes and psychiatric hospitalizations. Always in need of providers to become involved with CRI – Adult Autism Waiver Services. Independent Living is the goal; also to live their life with dignity.

Presentation: Family Development Credentialing (FDC) – Luann Hartman, MSW

- FDC was invented by Claire Forest about 25 years ago when she realized that the most effective way to help people live healthy self-reliant lives was to help them reclaim their ability to dream of a better life, and then to use proven methods to set and reach their own goals. Claire and many of her colleagues from Cornell University spent a quarter of a century practicing and refining the strengths based method we now call Family Development. In 1994 she wrote the first edition of empowerment skills for family workers. Claire and her colleagues collaborated with 15 New York State Agencies, as well as hundreds of local agencies and workers to create the Cornell Family Development Credentialing (FDC). Thousands of front line workers in health care, human services, law enforcement, and even utility companies completed the FDC course.
- We became involved in 2008 during the first PA Statewide Children's Round Table. The State Round Table is made up of the Supreme Court, the Administrative Office of PA Courts, judges and attorney's involved in Child Welfare, Children and Youth Administrators, and representatives from the Department of Education and Public Welfare. We also have a local Children's Round Table that meets quarterly. In 2008 there were five programs presented to the members of the state round table. The purpose was to find ways in which to enhance the services and improve outcomes regarding children and families in PA. There were three programs selected; FGDM, Family Find, and Family Developmental Credentialing. Family Group Decision Making is designed to gather and join a wider family group; this includes relatives, friends, community members, and others in collectively making decisions to resolve an identified family concern. Family Finding is a process that provides professionals with the tools to help find relatives and others who are committed to a child, by being a support system and possibly assisting in achieving permanency faster and more efficiently. Family Development Credentialing is designed to be an interagency learning experience for staff from all public, private, and non-profit service systems. The program is designed to help frontline workers become more effective in assisting individuals and families in taking care of themselves and becoming self-sufficient.
- FDC is a professional training and credentialing program for individuals who work with families. To earn the FDC Credentialing an individual would complete the course, while working with a Portfolio Advisor to document their ability to practice the skills that were learned in the course, and then pass a credentialing exam. We have instructors to teach the course; approximately nine individuals from Venango County have attended the Instructor Training.
- The Portfolio Advisors are required to have a Bachelor's Degree and will help the student develop an FDC portfolio to document the new skills and practice throughout the course. Portfolio Advisors are selected by the FDC Instructors and attend a one day training provided by the states FDC system, which is managed by CAAP. There is a training scheduled for June 29, 2011.

- At this time we have 9 students credentialed and 15 to take the exam on July 7, 2011; we have approximately 22 Portfolio advisors. Our next class is scheduled for August.
- FDC is based on eleven Core Principles. Each student is paired with an advisor. Throughout the course they cover ten chapters, the student and advisor must have a minimum of ten face to face meetings. It is easier to understand when you compare a Portfolio Advisor to a college professor. Students will be able to return to their agencies well informed with a new outlook and ready to be even more of an asset. Portfolio Advisors also have a refreshed outlook regarding their work, fine tuning their skills after many years of service. Basically this is Child Welfare in the 21st century. Most of us have been servicing families' generation after generation. Each of our agencies for the most part moved in their own galaxy. This certainly was not beneficial for the children and families we serve. It is not a secret that the burnout rate is relatively high in the social service field, and it is no wonder we all care about what we do and when we continue to keep doing the things that do not work we become frustrated and that is not healthy for ourselves, our families and our communities.
- It should be noted that this is approximately a \$900.00 course; the agency will cover the cost. With the student or agency buying the text "Empowerment Skills for Family Workers" the cost of the text is \$ 35.00. If anyone is interested and has difficulty with this cost we can attempt to come up with a solution.

Program Reports:

- **H.E.L.P.**
- **Early Head Start/First Families Network** – Melissa Bensink
- **EARLY HEAD START:**
 - 83 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%)
 - 33 Slots on EHS Wait List
 - 251 EHS Home Visits made out of 288 for 87.2%
 - 14 out of 83 EHS enrolled families attended 1 playgroup during April for 16.9%
 - 2 out of 83 EHS enrolled families attended 2 playgroups during April for 2.4%
 - 23 out of 111 EHS enrolled children received Early Intervention services during April for 20.7%
 - 56 out of 111 EHS enrolled children have a dental home during April for 50.5%
- **EHS REFERRAL:**
 - Early Intervention 1
 - Welcome Every Child 18
 - TOTAL 19
- **NURSE HOME VISITOR:**
 - 16 Enrolled Families
 - 17 Slots
 - 1 Pregnant Teen/0 Pregnant Woman/16 Children
 - 75 TANF Home Visits Made
- **WELCOME EVERY CHILD:**
 - 21 Baskets delivered
 - 11 married/10 single mothers (4 teen)
 - 12 of 21 receive MA
 - 11 of 21 considered at risk – 11 referred to EHS/NHV

- 42.75 Volunteer hours
- S.H.I.P. – Sharon Peterson
 - The PA Department of Health, Bureau of Health Planning is currently developing the 2011-2016 State Health Improvement Plan using feedback from the Healthy People 2020 initiative, research from other state plans, SHIP Steering Committee, and SHIP affiliated partnerships. Previous five year plans were 2000-2005 and 2006-2010. July 2011 is the anticipated release date for the 2011-2016 Plan. It can be accessed at the SHIP Website - www.health.state.pa.us/ship. The plan is considered a resource tool and not a mandate for local communities as they assess their communities and work to improve the health of the people.
 - The five topic areas are:
 - Nutrition and Weight Status
 - Physical Activity
 - Tobacco Use
 - Preparedness
 - Access to Health Care Systems
 - In addition to being a resource tool to assist in addressing health improvement priorities in the local community, SHIP also engages community partnerships to coordinate local health planning, trainings, resources, and data collection; emphasizes prevention of illness and injury; addresses risk factors that can cause disease, disability, and/or death; and links efforts between the state, national, and local communities.
 - The website will be able to highlight activities in local SHIP affiliates if information is submitted.

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**
- **Walk Works**

Task Force Committee Reports: Even Months

- **Family Group Decision Making** – Bre Chisholm
 - We have held 34 FGDM meetings so far this fiscal year.
 - We just facilitated a meeting between Oil City School, Juvenile Probation, and CYFS.
- **Family Developing Credentialing** – Bre Chisholm
 - Our first FDC class ended in May.
 - We will hopefully have 16 credentialed workers; they will have to take the exam.
 - New Portfolio Advisors can be trained on June 29th; it is one day of training.
 - We are hoping to start the new class sometime in August.
- **Homeless Teens** - None
- **Together We Can ATOD Prevention Council** – Susan Huffman
 - Too Good For Drugs (TGFD): 237 5th grade students have completed the program this year.

- Tobacco Education Group (TEG): Susan will conduct a TEG group on June 11th. Six youth have registered at this time. Twenty-one Venango County youth have completed the program for the school year.
- Project Alert: Susan finished Project Alert with 15 seventh graders at Valley Grove Elementary on May 24, 2011. 66 Rocky Grove 7th graders finished the program for the school year
- Presentations: Adagio, Susan spoke to 38 pregnant females and family members on ATOD issues. Shelter, Susan spoke to two adult on drug trends.
- Health Fair: May 17 & 18, Lead & Seed presented Samantha the Skunk to 536 Venango County 3rd graders. Weed & Seed, Susan made about 50 Frisbees with youth. Susan will be attending the AC Valley Fun Fair on May 10, 2011.
- Summer Program: Susan has set up programs at Evergreen Arbor, Laugh & Play Playground, South and North Side Hot Spots, Cooperstown Church of God, Dale Avenue, Oak Hill, and Pinoak. Susan will also be attending Oil Heritage Week Fun Fair and Teddy Bear Picnic.
- **Connect by 25** – Bre Chisholm
 - We have ten out of ten graduating this year.
 - Two students made the principles list in the last quarter.
 - We are working on admitting ten freshmen for next year.
- **Safe Kids Coalition** – Diana Erwin
 - We have four bike rodeos scheduled, three with Weed and Seed and one with the Franklin K of C. We did order cribs for the “Cribs for Kids” program, but now that UPMC NW has a program and they are assessing at birth, our demand will drop significantly. There are still kids in the county without a safe place to sleep who weren’t born at our hospital, so there is still a need for the Safe Kids Cribs for Kids Program.
 - We also are ordering baby safety gates and will be collaborating with the Early Head Start for distribution.
 - We did CPR Anytime training with the Early Head Start Home Visitors and they all received a “Mini-Annie. We are looking for funding to enable us to provide the Mini-Annie training kits to all of their families.
- **Circles Out Of Poverty** – Stephen Kosak
 - Steve mentioned the Bridges Out of Poverty workshop being held at Penn DOT on June 17th.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Dot Shaffer to adjourn the meeting.