

Orono Healthy Youth Board Minutes

Date: 11-12-09

Place: Discovery Center

Coordinator: Melanie DeLuca

Chair: Catherine Russin (not in attendance)

OHY Members Present: Melanie DeLuca (Coordinator/CE Director), Mitzi Overland (Early Childhood), Michele Kunz (school board), Maryanna Massey (Outreach and Mentoring), Courtney Flug (IOCP), Leah Weycher, (WeCan), Kelly Goddard (CAPSH), Dave Garwick (Faith Rep), Laura Iverson (Promise Fellow), Nicole Kaufman (parent, EC Board), Ted Knutson (Befrienders, Rotary, VFW)

Collaborative Partners: Cheryl Schweitzer (Hennepin County)

Guests: Linda Boyadjis (Christ Lutheran, WeCan)

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Dec. 10th

Motion for Approval of Sept. 17, 2009 Minutes Ted Knutson / Michele Kunz

Introductions: Linda Boyadjis attending for the first time

Important Updates from Partners: Holiday giving programs in dire need. IOCP has almost 492 families registered for the Adopt a Family program but only about half of those families have been adopted. Organizations and churches are taking less families and many may go without unless more donors are secured by Nov. 16th. WeCan has more families participating and is still in need of about 35 donors. They have started putting families on a waiting list. IOCP also reported shortages at the food shelf because of high usage. They will do a Thanksgiving distribution but possibly not one in December. Dave Garwick reported that churches are seeing high need and Cheryl from Hennepin County Economic Assistance also commented on the need in the western suburbs.

Promise Fellow

Laura Iverson shared a draft of the Faith Communities resource book that will be distributed. Helpful suggestions were given to Laura regarding deleting one graphic on the tri-fold brochure in order to make the book appropriate for non Christian faith communities. Homework help continues to grow with 12-15 attending each afternoon. HS and MS students completed letters to the troops as a community service project.

2010 Interagency Agreement & 2010 LCTS Financing Framework

Melanie gave background information regarding both of these documents which must be in place in order to continue participating in the LCTS program. Charges were minor from prior years with funding allocations remaining the same as last year. Catherine Russin as chair would sign the agreements on behalf of the collaborative following approval.

Motion to approve both agreements and waive full reading: Michele Kunz / Leah Weycker Approved Unanimously.

Strategic Planning

Melanie gave an overview of the purpose and mission of the organization as well as the underlying frameworks – Asset Building, 5 Promises, Character Initiative

Data from the 2007 Student Survey was presented.

Members completed the Indicators of Success Worksheet which addresses current status and future goals in the areas of youth engagement, cultural competency, volunteer management and School Community Partnership development. This information is needed for the report that is due to the MN Alliance with Youth. It will also be compiled to help the board as we continue to plan and set goals for our work.

Planning will continue at the December Meeting. Additional feedback will be gathered via e-mail prior to the next meeting to help with this process.

Scrip Program

This fundraising option is now available where people can purchase gift cards and the organization (OHY) receives a percentage of the proceeds come back to the organization. Mitzi distributed forms for how to sign up on-line or place a paper order.

Sharing:

New VFW post has been formed. They are interested in connection to the community and sponsoring the Voices for Democracy program for youth.

Clergy Breakfast to be held Wed., Nov. 18th – hosted by the Orono Schools

IOCP Sleepout begins on Nov. 4th with a kickoff in Wayzata. House parties are being encouraged. Maryanna hosted one and encouraged others to do so.

Kelly and Maryanna have been very busy working on grant writing for the mentoring program but the economic climate has made it especially difficult this year.

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Motion to Adjourn: Dave Garwick / Ted Knutson Approved.