

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families
MEETING DATE: June 13th, 2017

CHAIRPERSON: Cindy Goodin
LOCATION: Micah House

PRESENT:

Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)
Graham Jura (City of CB)
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)
Sonya Fittje (Hope 4 Iowa Crisis Line)
Ruth Bolinger (Amerihealth Caritas)
Colleen Winey (WCCA Early Head Start)
Christy Hagen (Trail Blazers)
Theresa Cooley Daniel (IWCC ALC)
Gretchen Bayer (PMP)

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)
Liz Addison (Family Inc.)
Lorelle Mueeting (HFS/PMP)
Linda Meyers (I Smile, Family Inc.)
Jenny Sharrick (Family Inc.)
Emily McDermott (WCCA Early Head Start)
Diana Reinsch (VNA/Pott County PH)
Ashlee Folsom (NE AIDS Project)

Introductions and Announcements:

Emily McDermott (WCCA Early Head Start) – Continuing to look for families to enroll in their program. She works with kid’s ages 6 weeks – school age.

Ashlee Folsom (NE AIDS Project) – Establishing connections in her service area. Harrison County was recently added, if you have any contacts in that areas please share with Ashlee.

Gretchen Bayer (PMP) – upcoming train the trainer on “Any Kid Anywhere” Human Trafficking Awareness Curriculum, there is still room, if you are interested in attending contact Gretchen. This curriculum will focus on Middle and High School youth but can be adapted for adults. There are some teachers registered.

Christy Hagen (Trailblazers) – On July 1 from 12:30-2:30 will be the annual Independence Day Celebration held at The Lakin Campus. Spread the word, this was well attended last year (estimated 350 people attended). Available, at no cost, to all of the community.

Sonya Fittje (Hope 4 Iowa Crisis Line) –Boys Town recently held their first Fathers Matter event, and it went really well. This will be an annual event. Hope 4 Iowa’s contract was extended another year! They recently became Chapter 24 accredited.

Colleen Winey (WCCA Early Head Start) – they continue to take applications for their programming. Please let her know if you have any families interested in head start.

Liz Addison (Family Inc.) – Has been working at FAMILY, Inc. and will be replacing Linda Meyers as the I-Smile Coordinator. Linda will be retiring at the end of the month.

Theresa Cooley Daniel (IWCC ALC) – continues to offer Education to Employment and High School Equivalence testing. Both classes will be starting soon.

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners) – Promise Partners holds their monthly meetings the 3rd Friday of the month at 9am located at the Red Cross. They will be holding a speed networking event to learn about different agencies in the community.

Diana Reinsch (VNA/Pott County PH) – Announced that Hospice of SW Iowa has moved into their office. Many new faces in the office, a great group of people.

Discussion – Possible suicide prevention event for parents – This would be an educational presentation for parents that continues the “13 Reasons Why” conversation. The Netflix series is coming out with a new season in 2018. The fall would be a good time to hold this event. Boys Town would provide the technology to play the event on Facebook Live and to archive the presentation to be viewed through their website. The first half would be an educational piece and followed by a panel of experts. The committee was interested in doing this and a workgroup was formed for planning. If you are interested in being a part of the planning, contact Sonja Fittje.

Guest Speaker – Ashlee Folsom, Nebraska AIDS Project
LGBTQ+ Inclusivity

The Gender Unicorn

<http://www.transhealthsa.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/The-Gender-Unicorn.pdf>

- Gender identity – internal sense of gender
- Gender expression – how you present yourself to the world (clothing, hair, style, speak etc.)
- Gender assigned at birth – indicated on birth certificate
- Physical Attraction –
- Emotional Attraction –
- Note – do not assume that people fall into boxes, everyone is different.

Gender Pronouns – how individuals prefer to be addressed. If you are unsure which gender pronoun to use, ask. By using a persons correct gender pronoun shows support and inclusivity. You could also reflect what they are using.

<http://www.transstudent.org/pronouns101>

Inclusivity

- When marketing or displaying posters/graphics – include LGBTQ+ individuals
- Use gender neutral language
- Use statements that do not generalize
- Look through intake and medical forms, are they inclusive
- Display stickers to identify as a safe place
- Remember – what we know about working with youth with high ACE scores, all it takes is one supportive adult to create resiliency

Resources

- Glsen.org
- Itgetsbetter.org
- Thetrevorproject.org
- Cdc.gov/lgbthealth

- Ashlee Folsom, Prevention & Outreach Specialist for SW Iowa
Nebraska AIDS Project
402-552-9260 x102

Comments from the Coalition:

None

NEXT MEETING:

Next Committee Meeting: **Tuesday, September 12th at 3:00-4:00PM, TBD**

Next Steering Committee Meeting: **Tuesday, September 5th** at 9 AM, 445 Glen Ave

Meeting minutes will be posted at www.promisepartners.org.

Youth & Family Committee Mission

To support and encourage the well-being of all youth and families through education, networking, and collaboration in Pottawattamie County.