

**Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes**  
Youth and Family

**COMMITTEE:** Youth and Families  
**MEETING DATE:** March 10, 2015

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jessica Rayment  
**LOCATION:** Micah House

**PRESENT:**

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)  
Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)  
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)  
Kaylene Page (Workforce Investment Act)  
Christy Hagen (Trailblazers/PMP/PCA Iowa)  
Colleen Winey (WCCA Head Start)

Julie Florian (Health Promotion Strategies)  
Dave Smith (Trailblazers)  
Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Services)  
Graham Jura (City of Council Bluffs)  
Mary Kramer (ISU Extension 4-H)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters), Lorelle Mueting (Heartland Family Service), Tim Johnson (Daily Nonpariel), Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery), Sandra McKinnon (ISU Extension)

**Introductions and Announcements:**

Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Services)—The National Safe Place campaign is starting. In businesses with the Safe Place logo, a young person can go and ask for help. The site employee finds a comfortable place for the youth to wait while they call for help. Within 20-30 minutes or less, YES is contacted and arrives to talk with the youth and, if necessary, provide transportation. The following are Safe Place Locations in Council Bluffs: Quik Trip, Community of Christ, Hy-Vee on Madison Avenue, YMCA, and Subway.

Colleen Winey (WCCA Head Start) – They are currently taking applications for their programs.

Julie Florian (Health Promotions Strategies) – Handed out new Quit Line Iowa flyer. Please contact Julie if you would like some for your agency. She also announced the 2015 Youth Summit that will be on June 23 in Harlan, Iowa. Youth can register at [istepsummit.org](http://istepsummit.org).

Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service) – March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month. HFS is offering a no cost training on 3/26 from 9-noon on issues related to gambling and how to have the conversation with someone you are concerned about having a gambling problem. Project 21 is offering a scholarship award to individual who participate in their awareness program. Money Smart Week is coming up in April and HFS is providing money savings lessons for youth grades 3-12 or to adults on how to help your child save. They are looking for places to hold these trainings.

Graham Jura (City of Council Bluffs) – He provided an update on Operation Medicine Cabinet. He has been speaking to private companies to get their help in the event. He keeps getting the response that they are not able to help because of how medications need to be disposed of in federal guidelines. The Feds are saying that for these events, those guidelines are not required. He is hoping to get all the involved parties on a conference call to clear up

confusion and hopefully to get the buy in of the private companies. He will keep the group posted.

Christy Hagan (Trailblazers/PMP) – March 23, PMP is holding their monthly meeting at the Micah House at 9am. Chief Tim Carmody will be speaking to the group about current drug trends he is seeing in the community. If you are interested in this topic, you are welcome to attend.

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners) – Shared that the Western Historic Trails Center is offering free movie events to the community. And that Community Networking Grants applications are now welcome. Applications are available at [www.promisepartners.org](http://www.promisepartners.org).

### **Ice Breaker: Room Full of Quotes**

Social Competencies – Developmental Assets Category activity

### **Spotlight Speaker – Kaylene Page Employment Specialist with Iowa Works**

Hot Jobs groups – this is a networking group that provides over 3000 individuals with current job listing, job fair information, interview information, workshops available, networking with employers and other job seekers and hot job listings.

Workshop Schedules – each month there is a calendar of the workshop schedules. The topics of workshops vary from soft skills (interpersonal skills) to basics (resume writing and interviewing). All classes are at not cost for individuals interested in attending.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) – is a federal program that provides on the job training for adults. This is a program that gives job seekers more attention during their job search.

Youth Employment Programs – this is a program that gives youth individual attention to reach their educational and employment goals. This is a program for youth ages 14-21. It serves 7 counties in southwest Iowa.

National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) – this is a program that determines individual's job readiness. It can be used as a tool for employers to determine how ready a potential candidate is for the job they have available. It tests on reading for information, locating information and applied math. There is no cost to take this test if you are a resident of Iowa or a Veteran regardless of your residency.

### **Laundry of Love Project**

Update: The committee is currently looking for a new location. The location we used last year has been sold and not available for use. The committee has received donations: \$100 from CVS and \$219 Walmart gift card from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue United Methodist Church. Next meeting will be 3/16 at 2pm at the Phoenix House.

### **Review Community Indicators – Study Comparative Data activity**

- Health & Lifestyle

- Secure & Nurturing Families
- Safe & Supportive Neighborhoods

**NEXT MEETING:**

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 14 at 3PM at the Micah House

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 7 at 9 AM, 445 Glen Avenue

Meeting minutes will be posted at [www.promisepartners.org](http://www.promisepartners.org).