

## Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes

**COMMITTEE:** Youth and Families

**MEETING DATE:** April 8, 2014

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jessica Simons

**LOCATION:** Micah House

### **PRESENT:**

Jessica Simons (Promise Partners)  
Lorelle Mueeting (PMP/Heartland Family Service)  
Kimberly Kalakowski (Children's Square)  
Pam Nightsen (WCCA- FaDSS)  
Anna Hartmann (Council Bluffs Public Library)  
Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Services)  
Tony Fiala (City of Council Bluffs)  
Cati DeMasi (Children's Square)  
Graham Jura (City Attorney's Office)

Dave Smith (Trailblazers)  
Jason Lappe (Walgreens)  
Sarah Estes (Catholic Charities- Phoenix House)  
Jeany Morton (BBBS)  
Angela Moerke (Transitional Services of Iowa)  
Dan Flores (Council Bluffs Police Dept)  
Donn Dierks (Council Bluffs Health)  
Kaylene Page (Workforce Investment Act)

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE:**

Michelle Badaucco (Carter Lake Resource Center)  
Sandra McKinnon (ISU Extension)  
Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)

### **Introductions and Announcements:**

#### **Prescription Drug Take Back Events:**

The National Event will be held Saturday, April 26 from 10am-2pm. Three locations in Council Bluffs: Council Bluffs- Walgreen's at 535 E. Broadway, Carter Lake- City Hall, Oakland- City Hall. People bringing in unused or expired medications do not need to remove the labels. Signs were passed around, as well as a sign-up sheet to "man" the events in Council Bluffs and Oakland. Resource bags will be "stuffed" by Tri-Center Leadership and Resiliency (LRP) students.

#### **Spotlight Speaker-- Kaylene Page, Workforce Investment Act:**

Handouts were given at the meeting. Provide workforce assistance to 4 categories of people: 1) Adults- based on low income, 2) Dislocated workers, 3) Displaced Home Workers (often a dependent spouse), and 4) At-Risk Youth. Kaylene will be hosting "Become a Money Maker" June 16- 20 for youth who want to learn skills in resume writing, interviewing, etc. A Loess Hills Youth Facebook and Twitter Page is available to young people

#### **Speaker/Topic—Graham Jura, City of Council Bluffs & Civil Rights Commission:**

A presentation was given by Graham Jura, Director of the Civil Rights Commission. The commission helps people that are discriminated against when their civil rights are violated. Their meetings are held every other month. The meetings are open, except when the commission votes for a closed meeting due to sensitive material. If a community member feels they have been discriminated against in the workplace, school, public, housing, or credit, they can file a complaint within 180 days, then the director investigates, and the commission votes if there is probable cause. Discrimination could be based off of: race,

national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender orientation, pregnancy, disability, religion/creed, color, age, familial status, and/or marital status.

**Laundry Love Project:**

The committee is hosting a Laundry Love event on April 10 at the Broadway Wash House Laundromat. Please encourage families and young people you work with to attend. There will be quarters and detergent for washing, a free meal, free personal hygiene items, and activities. Council Bluffs Police have offered to keep an eye on the event and the traffic. Setup is at 3pm; those helping should wear a black shirt.

**Asset Informational Booth at CB School's Resource Fair:**

An informational booth was hosted at the Council Bluffs School's Community Resource Fair that was held March 27 at Thomas Jefferson High School. Materials and information were given to families about the 40 Developmental Assets and positive youth development. There seemed to be good turnout for the event, but it seemed like less than the previous year. Families seemed engaged in finding out about community resources and receptive to asset information.

**Nominations:**

Nominations were taken for the committee's Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Note-Taker, and Steering Committee. Voting will take place at the next meeting.

**Council Bluffs Resource Fair- Developmental Asset Sharing Opportunity**

The Youth & Families Committee will be hosting a booth on the developmental assets at the Community Resource Fair on April 27 at Thomas Jefferson High School. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

**Developmental Assets:**

▪ **April Assets of the Month: Social Competencies**

- **Planning and Decision Making** – Youth person knows how to plan and make choices.
- **Interpersonal Competence** – Young person has empathy, sensitivity, and friendship skills.
- **Cultural Competence** – Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural / racial / ethnic backgrounds.
- **Resistance Skills** – Young person can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations.
- **Peaceful Conflict Resolution** – Young person seeks to resolve conflict nonviolently.

**Comments from the Coalition**

The Council Bluffs Public Library is hosting a Teen Job Fair on April 10 from 3:30-6:00pm.

PMP is hosting Defeat Addiction, an awareness run at Lake Zarinke on May 10.

Iowa Works is hosting a culinary class on April 21 and April 24.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 6 at 9AM, 445 Glen Avenue

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 13 at 3PM at the Micah House.

Speaker/ Topic- Maryls Lien, Foundation Directory Online, Council Bluffs Library  
Speaker/ Topic- Denise Parker, Financial Success Program  
Door Greeter- Dave Smith

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