

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families
MEETING DATE: June 12th, 2018

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Rayment
LOCATION: The Salvation Army

PRESENT:

Tiffani Pinkerton (HFS)
Sonya Fittje (Boys Town Iowa)
Kristina Jenson (HFS)
Velma James (Catholic Charities)
Clarrissa Newman (Lakin Campus)
Alexis Dickerson (HFS/PMP)
Diana Reinsch (VNA)
Jenn Kephart (AMP Children's Square)

Liz Addison (Family Inc.)
Katie Carroll (Children's Square)
Jenny Sharrick (Family Inc.)
Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)
Ronda Newman (Project Everlast)
Jacob Kahn (PPH)
Emily Rokusek (United Healthcare)
Tim Maas (Iowa Workforce Dev)

Introductions and Announcements:

Jacob Kahn (PPH)- Is a health educator in schools. His main program is Wise Guys.

Ronda Newman (Project Everlast) - Serve youth in Pott County ages 16-25. This includes employment, housing, an emergency fund and coaching.

Jenny Sharrick (Family Inc.) – Family Inc. has hired a new Executive Director, Kimberly Kolakowski (formerly with Children's Square-IHS)

Clarrissa Newman (Lakin Campus) – Trailblazers Independents Day Celebration June 30th from 12:30-2:30 on the Lakin Campus. Back to School Bash will be August 17th from 2-5pm on the Lakin Campus. Please contact Clarrissa if you are interested in an information booth at the event.

Katie Carroll (Children's Square-IHS) – Children's Square is hiring a Family Specialist Peer Support staff for parents with kids with special needs.

Emily Rokusek (United Healthcare) – There will be a health fair at HyVee 7/21 or 7/22 10:30am – 1pm. There will be a new member forum at 11:30am.

Tim Maas (Iowa Workforce Dev) – Is a Youth Careers Counselor, he works with youth who have barriers to employment. He is looking for community resources that he could use with the youth in his program.

Spotlight & Kudos – Lighthearted Recognitions goes to Terri Dowell for her many years of community involvement and volunteering. Terri was a member of the Y&F Committee and recently a member of the steering committee where she hosted the meeting monthly at her home. Terry will be stepping down from the Y&F committees, so we send her big thanks for all of her support.

Laundry Love Update:

Overall a very successful 5th event. 165 people served, a little down from last year. Overall we served our target population and participants were very thankful for the event. Remaining hygiene items were donated to Boys Town.

Guest Speaker – Jenny Sharrick, First Five Coordinator with Family Inc.

In-home Services – used Parents as Teachers Curriculum which encourages parents to be their kids first teachers. Currently 150 families enrolled in the weekly home visit program.

Raise me to Read – encourages literacy skills. Included 2018 Summer Activity Guide. Story Walks – there will be a story located at Sunset Park “Three Billy Goats Gruff”, the story will be changed out monthly. The story walks are trying to engage different parts of the community to encourage reading. Kids are given books at home visits, often the only books in the home.

Public Health maternal health program – offers maternal health home visits, up to 10 visits to help mom get ready for baby to arrive.

Child care nurse consulting program – provides support to facilities so they have access to health care services – this is a free service to any child care provider (education, monitoring, regulations).

I-Smile – a school program serving kids in grades K-9, they provide dental screenings, fluoride varnish, and education. This past year the program served about 2000 kids in schools. They also connect families to dental care and remove barriers to accessing dental care. Dentist By One Campaign – first tooth first visit. Building a relationship between child/parent and dental provider within the first year. They have seen an increase of kids getting into providers.

First 5 – this program builds a team around kids/families with development delays to get the best services in place for the child. First 5 is aimed at kids aged 0-5, but they are able to serve up to age 18. They serve the whole family when possible. Referrals come from the primary care provider. This program started in the summer of 2016. There is no income eligibility for this program. The most frequent referrals are for hearing and speech delays.

2018 – 2019 Planning notes – Here are the results of the planning session.

Topics of interest 1. Latest Drug Trends 2. Human Trafficking 3. Poverty – understanding the impact of.

Programs of Interest 1. Victim of Crime Assistance (VOCA) 2. Safe & Together 3. 211

Projects of Interest 1. Laundry of Love

Guest Speaker – Brandy Gustoff with Omaha Home for Boys, was unable to attend the meeting, she will be rescheduled.

Comments from the Coalition – NO JULY MEETING – SEE BELOW FOR UPCOMING MEETING DATES The steering committee meetings are open to anyone to attend, these are the meetings that determine the meeting agendas.

NEXT MEETING:

Next Committee Meeting: NO JULY MEETING

Tuesday, August 14th, 2018 3:00-4:30pm – Promise Partners 1st floor Conference Room, located in the Career's Building on the Iowa School for the Deaf Campus.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, July 3rd at 9:00AM, at Mad Ox Bakery

- Will review 2018-2019 planning notes
- Will also hold a Steering Committee Meeting: August 7th, 9am, Mad Ox Bakery

Meeting minutes will be posted at www.promisepartners.org

Youth & Family Committee Purpose:

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