

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families

MEETING DATE: May 13, 2014

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Simons

LOCATION: Micah House

PRESENT:

Jessica Simons (Promise Partners)
Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)
Kimberly Kolakowski (Children's Square)
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)
Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Services)
Sandra McKinnon (ISU Extension)
Jasmin Navarrete (Iowa Workforce Development)
Rebecca Lash (Big Brothers, Big Sisters)

Dave Smith (Trailblazers)
Kaylene Page (Workforce Development)
Graham Jura (City of Council Bluffs)
Denise Parker (Creighton Financial Hope)
Catherine DeMasi (Children's Square)
Angela Moerke (Transitional Services)
Sarah Estes (Phoenix House)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE:

Michelle Badalucco (Carter Lake Comm. Resource Center) Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)
Kristen O'Brien (IWCC's Adult Learning Center)

Introductions and Announcements:

Jessie announced that the Pottawattamie Youth Council is accepting applications for membership during next school year. A short application is available at www.promisepartners.org.

Kaylene said that Iowa Workforce Development is offering "Become a Money Maker", a youth camp for 12-21 year olds June 16-20 in Council Bluffs.

Iowa State University is offering a variety of training around child care.

Speaker: Marlys Lien, Council Bluffs Public Library

Marlys spoke about the Foundation Directory Online, a free resource through the public library to find grant opportunities locally and nationally. Some information is available through the library's website at www.councilbluffslibrary.org/grant-resources, however for full access you must go into the library. For further information, contact Marlys at (712)323-7553 or mlien@cbpl.lib.ia.us.

Spotlight Speaker: Denise Parker, Creighton Financial Hope Collaborative

Denise spoke about the Financial Success Program, a comprehensive financial education program that focuses on single mothers. The curriculum helps in tracking expenses, saving for emergencies, taxes, insurance, legal issues, psychology of money, and repairing credit reports. Dinner and child care are available during sessions. After 8 week of classes, coaches are assigned to the students to help them implement their plan. They are also working with nonprofit workers to help them implement financial coaching with their clients. For more information, contact Denise Parker at deniseparker@creighton.edu or (402) 280-3637. Information is also available at www.facebook.com/CUCashFlowIsQueen.

National Prescription Drug Take Back:

Events were held nationally on April 26. 3 events were held in Pottawttamie County: Council Bluffs, Carter Lake, and Oakland. The Council Bluffs site collected 539 pounds, Carter Lake collected 105 pounds, and Oakland collected 6 pounds. It is uncertain if this event as is will be repeated.

Laundry Love Project:

The event was held at the Broadway Wash House Laundromat at 20th and Broadway on April 10. The committee felt it was very successful with 79 guests attending (65 adults and 14 children). It came in under budget. Final report is due June 9. The committee suggests we do it again.

Slate of Youth & Families Committee Officers:

Election results are as follows:

- Chair: Jessie Simons
- Co-chair: Cindy Goodin
- Secretary: Michelle Badalucco
- Note Taker: Nominations included Sandra McKinnon, Tiffani Pinkerton, Angela Moerke or rotate each month.
- Steering Committee members: Jessica Simons, Deb Kissel, Terri Dowell, Dave Smith, Cindy Goodin, Michelle Badalucco, Lorelle Muetting, Sapana Sharma, and Mary Kramer. *Anyone is welcome at the Steering Committee.*

Developmental Assets- Month of May

May's Developmental Assets include 'Constructive Use of Time'. Below are suggestions to build and strengthen this asset in young people.

- Allow others' spirits and energy to have many outlets.
- Respect others' time at home and in their faith communities.
- Share hobbies and interests with young people.
- Encourage students to engage in at least one hobby.
- Promote available after-school and extracurricular programs.
- Ask about new interest.
- Showcase young people's talents.

Sign up for upcoming Spotlight Speakers & Door Greeters

A sign-up sheet was passed around to sign up as a spotlight speaker and/or door greeter at future meetings.

NEXT MEETING:

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 3 at 9AM, 445 Glen Avenue

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 10 at 3PM at the Micah House.

Speaker/ Topic-

Door Greeter- Cindy Goodin

Spotlight Speaker- Sandra McKinnon ISU Extension

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