

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

**COMMITTEE:** Youth and Families  
**MEETING DATE:** October 14, 2014

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jessica Simons  
**LOCATION:** Micah House

**PRESENT:**

Jessica Simons (Promise Partners)  
Sandra McKinnon (ISU Extension)  
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)  
Cindy Goodin (YES)  
Kaylene Page (Workforce Investment Act)  
Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)  
Julie Florian (Health Promotions Strategies)

Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters)  
Greg Smith (Kids & Co.)  
Dave Smith (Trailblazers)  
Graham Jura (City of Council Bluffs)  
Scott Belt  
Misty Graeve (Health Promotions Strategies)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer), Mary Kramer, Audrey Clauson, Sheri Splichal

**Introductions and Announcements:**

Sandra McKinnon (ISU Extension) – announced a save the date for a listening/discussion event. They are seeking community members to come and give input on how we can partner to reach youth of color with Positive Youth Development opportunities. This will be November 10 1-3pm at the CB Public Library. Please RSVP to [mkramer@iastate.edu](mailto:mkramer@iastate.edu) or [seilstad@iastate.edu](mailto:seilstad@iastate.edu). Individuals are able to sign up for an e-newsletter by emailing [rwright1@iastate.edu](mailto:rwright1@iastate.edu).

Misty Graeve (Health Promotions Strategies – She is the new Youth Tobacco Coordinator at Health Promotions Strategies. She is looking to partner with youth groups.

Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters) – BBBS is a community based mentoring program, with a minimum of 4 hr. a month commitment (2-3 times each month.) They are looking for volunteers and youth to participate in the program. They will be offering a monthly mentor training at the Salvation Army.

Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service) – In cooperation with the Phoenix House will be offering a lunch and learn at no cost on “Kids and Technology”. Bring your lunch on November 20 from Noon – 1pm at the Micah House and learn about the pros and cons of kids and technology. For more information please contact Tiffani.

Deb Kissel – recently had email problems, where all her emails were erased/lost. If you recently sent her an email and she didn’t respond it is possible it was lost and not received, please send again.

Jessica Rayment (Simons) – Community Networking Grants (designed to bring communities together) will be accepting applications for the Dec – May programs. She also shared some information about Mental Health Awareness Month activities.

Greg Smith – Kids and Company, a before and after school program housed in different schools. They also have summer school programming. All programs are for kids aged preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They are looking for training opportunities for their staff. He also coordinates a monthly free/no cost activity calendar for families to use. This program is in cooperation with CB Community Education Foundation.

**Community Calendar:**

Forms will be sent out at each meeting, members are able to fill in upcoming events and then they will be entered into existing community calendars. Please remember to bring in your upcoming events so they can be placed on a calendar.

**Bullying Prevention Month & Developmental Assets**

Small group activity and large group discussion on handout “Anti-bullying Action Steps for Caring Community Members”.

**Spotlight Speaker – Julie Florian, Health Promotions Strategies**

As of September 1, 2014 Health Promotions Strategies started programming for tobacco prevention. They are a non-profit with a 5 member board of directors. Currently they have 3 staff members. Julie reviewed their goals for this funding cycle. She spent some time talking about new nicotine products like e-cigarettes. She is encouraging members to promote the quit line and the free cessation products. For more resources contact Julie at [florian3056@gmail.com](mailto:florian3056@gmail.com) or 712-269-8678.

**Operation Medicine Cabinet, Drug Disposal:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual event was held 9/27/14 from 10am – 2pm CB Walgreens 535 E Broadway. The event ran very smoothly, in part to all of the volunteers that were able to help out. They collected 355 lbs. of unused medications from 157 vehicles/individuals. From the 10 events a total of 3,000 lbs. of unused medications have been collected from 1700 vehicles/individuals. The DEA has announced that this will be the last drug drop sponsored by them. The DEA is hoping that more pharmacies will be accepting medications on a regular basis. The committee will need to talk about how or if we proceed with future events. More information will be shared as it comes in.

**Laundry Love Project:**

The committee met and rewrote the grant for this next year. We have proposed to hold another event in April of 2015. The grant was submitted. Individuals interested in participating are encouraged to attend future meetings.

**Youth Homelessness – Turn the Curve Group Activity**

**NEXT MEETING:**

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 4 at 9 AM, 445 Glen St  
Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, November 11 at 3PM at the Micah House.

Speaker/ Topic-. Healthy Community, Sandy Hill, Live Well Council Bluffs  
Door Greeter- Kaylene Page

Spotlight Speaker- Rebecca Losh, Big Brothers Big Sisters

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