

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families
MEETING DATE: August 13, 2019

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Rayment
LOCATION: Promise Partners

PRESENT:

Julie Florian (Tobacco HPS)
Misty Graeve (Tobacco HPS)
Clarrissa Newman (Lakin Campus)
Grace Tunning (FAMILY, Inc)
Maria Sieck (Pott. Co. Public Health)
Kendal Esteves (Lutheran Services Iowa)
Jennifer Minchew (Pott. Co. Public Health)
Tisha Moore (Promise Partners)
Sonya Fittje (Boys Town of Iowa)

Teresa Cooley Daniel (IWCC- Adult Education)
Velma James (Catholic Charities- DVSA)
Angela Magrum (All Care)
Katie Carroll (Children's Square IHS)
Emily McDermott (WCCA- FaDSS Program)
Diana Reinsch (Pott. Co. Public Health)
Maggie Ballard (Heartland Family Services)
Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)
Ronda Newman (Project Everlast)

Introductions and Announcements:

Teresa Cooley Daniel- Iowa Western Community College continues to offer adult education. These include the Hi-Set (high school equivalency), English as a Second Language, and Education to Employment classes. Many of these are available to a student at no cost.

Katie Carroll- Children's Square Integrated Health Service will be holding a Back 2 School Bash on August 30 from 3:00 – 6:00pm at 300 W. Broadway, Suite 15, Council Bluffs. This will include free backpacks and school supplies while items last.

Ronda Newman- Coaching and financial assistance are currently available to Iowa youth, ages 16-25 that are struggling or disconnected to school/employment. A grant was recently submitted in support of Children's Square & United Way to expand these services.

Julie Florian- Working with any business or agency that wants to improve/implement a nicotine free policy. She is able to help in the writing of such policy and ensure a business gets signage.

Sonya Fittje- The Hope4Iowa Crisis Call Line continues to be open. Sonya has informational pieces available for promotion. Reform is happening through the Mental Health and Disability Services Regions. Common Sense Parenting for Parents of Toddlers & Preschoolers will be held Tuesdays August 27 – October 8 at the Charles E. Lakin YMCA in Council Bluffs. Parents and professionals must call 712-302-7999 to pre-register.

Tisha Moore- A Family Support Summit will be held August 16 at 10am in the Promise Partners Conference Room. This will include information for current contractors (contracting 101 and ScoreCard) and brief program presentations.

Jessica Rayment- The Iowa Network Against Human Trafficking Rescue is seeking volunteers to help in posting Rescue Stickers, especially in women's restrooms. These display both the National and Iowa hotline numbers and a text message option. If you or your group, agency, or church wish to distribute stickers, you can contact Alexis Costello at acostello7786@mtmercy.edu.

Maggie Ballard- The 9th Annual Hands Across the Bridge Event will be held at the the Bob Kerrey Bridge (Iowa side) on Saturday, September 28th, 2018 from 9-10am to help spread the message that prevention works, treatment is effective and people do recover.

Spotlight & Kudos- Lighthearted Recognitions:

Jessica Rayment- Recognized with a candle: Jessica Rayment's light doesn't dim out. She's involved in the community and with partners. She shines in her abilities and responsiveness. She is a glowing resource.

John Donovan- John Donovan was recognized with the Almond Joy Award. John has been a joy as a member of the committee and through his commitment to helping others to do great things. John traveled daily, just like the travel size bars; he is always full of the right ingredients. John has a sense of humor that is a little nutty, a positive attitude, and an ability to collaborate.

National Drug Take Back Event:

Operation Medicine Cabinet, the prescription take back will be held at Walgreen on E. Broadway in Council Bluffs on October 26, 2019. PMP will be asking committee members to give their time on this day. Materials that should be included in the bags that go to participants, should bring 250 copies to the October 8 committee meeting.

Pottawattamie County Public Health:

Immunization Clinics are currently being held in Pottawattamie County. 98-99% of school-aged children are immunized. Some go to the doctor in Nebraska.

Pott. Co Public Health is conducting lead testing for the city through the Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Sexual Transmitted Infections (STI) Clinics are being held. Outreach is also done in the jail and homeless shelters. They are hoping to have further outreach on the campus of Iowa Western Community College in the future. Homeless are a target population for Hepatitis C and Gonorrhea Rates are on the rise locally.

PCPH has recently hired a new public health nurse; plans to hire one more nurse in the future.

PCPH worked alongside LiveWell Omaha to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) to determining the health status, behaviors and needs of residents in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, and Pottawattamie counties. The top 2 areas identified include Mental Health and Access to Services. A Community Health Organizer has been hired; further provider assessments are in the works.

Committee Merger:

Promise Partners and the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) will be bringing in a neutral facilitator to explore how to best merge the joining of the Youth & Families and Children, Youth, & Families Committees. This will include what a new committee will look like, who will lead it, meeting dates, etc.

Comments from the Coalition

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 3:00-4:30pm-

Promise Partners Iowa School for the Deaf Campus – Careers Building

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 1 9am, Location Dunkin Donuts, Council Bluffs

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.