

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

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

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Rayment
LOCATION: Promise Partners

PRESENT:

Sonya Fittje (Boys Town Iowa)
Rhonda Newman (Project Everlast)
Tiffani Pinkerton (HFS)
Bobbette Beedle (WCCA)
Grace Tunning (Family Inc.)
Clarrissa Newman (Lakin Campus)
Liz Addison (Family Inc.)
Ashlee Folsom (NE AIDS Program)

Katie Carroll (Children's Square IHS)
Maggie Ballard (PMP / HFS)
Katie Choquette (Catholic Charities)
Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)
Colleen Winey (Head Start)
Misty Graevy (HPS Tobacco)
Velma James (Catholic Charities)
Jennifer Kephart (AMP)

Introductions and Announcements:

Bobbette Beedle (WCCA) – New Positions with Child Care Resource & Referral Southwest Iowa Region 3. Wendy Muller has accepted the position of Executive Director for WCCA. Danielle Hail is the new Community Development Socialist. Shirley Urich is their local Consultant who provides technical assistance and consultations to meet the individual needs of each provider. Joyce Mahl is the Quality Rating Scale Specialist who is working to educate and help guide guidance to improve centers.

Misty Graevy (HPS Tobacco) – Has created new nicotine free policies for The HUB, Celebrate CB and The Boys & Girls Club. The iSTEP Summit is May 7th in Des Moines. If you know youth interested in participating let her know.

Katie Carroll (Children's Square IHS) – They gave out free coats and winter items during the Winter Wellness Event.

Liz Addison (Family Inc.) – Give Kids a Smile went really well again this year. There is a Children's Oral Health Coalition recognition event at Pizza King 2/21 at 5:30.

Katie Choquette (Catholic Charities) – February is Teen Dating Violence Prevention Month. Emily will be giving school presentations on healthy relationships. They are also focusing on Human Trafficking.

Maggie Ballard (PMP / HFS) – PMP's Dodge Ball Tournament will be held on 3/2 at McMillian Middle School, Omaha.

Grace Tunning (Family Inc.) - Family Inc has a First Five bi-lingual position open.

Clarrissa Newman (Lakin Campus) - The Florence M Laking Health Center is now open accepting new patients. This is located in The MICAH House. 712-388-4660 handed out 82 backpacks of meals to kids over the holiday break. The MICAH House Girl Scout troop is selling cookies at a drive up cookie booth in their parking lot. Help support their troop! The

Lakin Campus is providing backpacks to families through the Easter Break. They contained lunch and breakfast for 3 days. If you would like your programs information in the pack, please bring 100 to the March meeting.

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners) – Provided community resource list of food pantries.

Rhonda Newman (Project Everlast) – Many youth ages 14-26 who have foster care experience or are unconnected. She is developing a resource list for this population. Please speak to her to get your agency information included.

Sonya Fittje (Boys Town Iowa) Common Sense Parenting classes: Parenting Café Correcting Behaviors 2/19 6-7pm (Also offered in Spanish), Parting Café Raising Happier Kids 2/21 6:30-7:30, Parenting Café How to Help You and Your Child Stay Calm 2/28, Common Sense Parting for Parent of School-agers starting 3/13. Please contact Sonya for more information.

Guest Speaker – Ashlee Folsom – Prevention & Outreach Specialist for SW Iowa NAP – Nebraska AIDS Project

- IDPH has statistics on the number of STIs in each county. They have increased funding for testing and prevention/education.
- She is able to provide a rapid (finger prick) test for free to test for HIV and Hep C
- They have 3 Case Managers who provide services
- Her goal is for individuals to get access to care
- She often makes referrals to agencies in the areas
- She is able to provide literature and condoms for your office, to make available to your clients and the community
- She works cooperatively with the Public Health Offices in the counties she serves.
- Ashlee's contact information 712-545-0107 ashleef@nap.org

Data Walk: recap – possible projects – identified gaps

The group reviewed the comments and data from the last meeting. No possible projects were identified.

Laundry Love – Planning

If you are interested in planning the next Laundry Love event, will hold the event in the spring. Please contact Jessie Rayment with Promise Partners. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon.

Comments from the Coalition

NEXT MEETING:

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 3:00-4:30pm – Promise Partners Iowa School for the Deaf Campus – Careers Building

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 5th, 9:00AM, at Mad Ox Bakery

Meeting minutes will be posted at www.promisepartners.org

Youth & Family Committee Purpose Statement:

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