

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

**COMMITTEE:** Youth and Families  
**MEETING DATE:** April 14, 2015

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jessica Rayment  
**LOCATION:** Micah House

**PRESENT:**

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)  
Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)  
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)  
Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Services)  
Christy Hagen (Trailblazers/PMP/PCA Iowa)  
Greg Smith (Kids & Co)

Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)  
Shelby Brewster (Health Promotion Strategies)  
Dave Smith (Trailblazers)  
Lorelle Muetting (Heartland Family Service)  
Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

**Introductions and Announcements:**

Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery) will be entering a 6 month extension through the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to continue her programming through December 2015.

Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters) – Starting their annual fundraiser Bowl for Kids’ Sake. This starts 4/18 and runs through 5/2. Individuals can organize bowling team and raise funds however they choose. Then teams will participate in the fun bowling event where there are food and prizes. Funds raised in Iowa will stay in Iowa for programming here.

Shelby Brewster (Health Promotions Strategies) – Handed out Quit Line Iowa information.

Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service) – Just finished Problem Gambling Awareness Month. This year the theme was “Have the Conversation” This was a great way to encourage individuals who are concerned about someone’s gambling to talk to them about it. Project 21 is still going on; this is a scholarship program for high school students.

Dave Smith (Trailblazers) – Upcoming events with Trailblazers, Pottawattamie County Conservation Program will be presenting on Elk and Bison. The Easter celebration was a success with 492 kids participating in the egg hunt. It was a fun filled day with crafts, games and face painting for kids and families.

**Spotlight Speaker – Jessica Rayment – Promise Partners**

Promise Partners is an umbrella organization that oversees state and local initiatives around child safety, family stability, and positive youth development. They operate through a Governance Board and a staff of 5.

There are 4 ongoing task teams and committees: 1) Youth and Families Committee, 2) Early Childhood Family Support, 3) Early Care and Education, and 4) Coordinated Intake.

Approximately \$2 million of funding from the Child Welfare Decategorization Program, Early Childhood Iowa (previously Community Empowerment Area), Criminal and Juvenile

Justice Planning, and Community Partnerships for Protecting Children is used for different targeted areas throughout Pottawattamie County through a local decision making process. These areas include Early Childhood/Child Care, School Ready Funds/PreK, and Family Support.

For more information on Promise Partners and all that they do, please contact Jessica Rayment.

### **Iowa Social Host Law**

Deb Kissel provided an overview of the new Iowa Social Host Law. This is a newer law in Iowa that law enforcement is using to hold additional people accountable for underage drinking. A Social Host is a person who is the owner, is leasing, or has control over property that is not a licensed premise, who knowingly permits a person to consume or possess any alcohol on the property if they know or have reasonable cause to believe the person to be under the age of eighteen. The individual will be issued a ticket. They are using the tagline "Parents who host lose the most". For more information on this please contact Deb Kissel. She is encouraging everyone to pass this information on to people we know and work with.

### **Laundry of Love Project**

The event will be held on 4/15 at Wash Daze Laundromat.

### **Prescription Drug Take Back**

Youth and Family Committee are interested in holding a prescription drug take back event in our community as we have done in the past. We are continuing to explore the possible options available to us since the DEA has placed the responsibility onto the communities and pharmacies. At this point the roadblock is what to do with the medications collected. There are a few options, but all of them have a cost associated with them. More exploration on what other organizations in the community are willing and able to do to support this event is being done.

### **Nominations for the following Committee Positions**

- Chair
- Co-chair
- Secretary
- Note-taker
- Steering Committee

Please submit entries to Jessica Rayment. Voting will take place at the May meeting.

### **Comments from the Coalition**

Spotlight speaker for May meeting is needed.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 12 at 3PM at the Micah House

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 5 at 9 AM, Council Bluffs Chamber office

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