

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families
MEETING DATE: February 10, 2015

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Rayment
LOCATION: Micah House

PRESENT:

Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)
Lorelle Mueting (Heartland Family Service)
Tim Johnson (Daily Nonpareil)
Christy Hagen (Trailblazers/PMP/PCA Iowa)
Kyle Gay (YMCA)

Julie Florian (Health Promotion Strategies)
Dave Smith (Trailblazers)
Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Services)
Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)
Graham Jura (City of Council Bluffs)
Colleen Winey (WCCA Head Start)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE:

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners)

Introductions and Announcements:

Dave Smith (Trailblazers) – February 21 at 3pm at the Boys and Girls Club there will be a Bully Prevention seminar.

Christy Hagan - Through the Child Abuse Task Force / Shaken Baby there is an Iowa initiative on the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Study to bring awareness of the risk factors around ACEs. It is important to remember that resilience trumps ACE and if we all work together as a community we can focus on resilience through community collaboration.

Community Speaker – Sharon White, City Council Member

The city ordinance on rental property inspections was passed. Sharon White joined our meeting to talk about their process and answer any questions. Iowa state law requires communities our size to have an inspection program. This ordinance will start in August 2015. The city is in the process of hiring an additional inspector (there will be 3). Each inspector will have an area in the city; this will allow them to become familiar with buildings and owners. The inspectors will receive specific training, as this will be key to the success of the program. Each rental property will be inspected every 3 years.

Group questions/concerns:

Q: How will this work with Section 8 inspections?

A: The inspections will be separate as each has different needs and expectations. City inspections are not voluntarily, and everyone will be held to the same standards.

Q: How will we as a community handle the possible fall out of changes (i.e. displaced people)?

A: The city council doesn't think there will be many displaced people. They will not shut down properties unless it is absolutely too dangerous to live in. The landlords will

be given a list of things to do to pass the inspection. A plan will be put into place and the inspector will monitor progress. As long as the landlord is in compliance with the plan the tenant will be allowed to stay in the property. They have identified different funding sources to help landlords pay for costs associated with the repairs. They also hope to have a list of community resources to give residents who are displaced. (Note: IWCC will work on this list).

Q: Will rent rates increase to offset the cost of repairs?

A: They spoke with many landlords during the process of creating the ordinance. It was stated that land lords will not be able to increase rent too much, as they are in competition with Omaha rental rates.

Sharon White offered to come back to keep the committee updated on the progress. She would like to be added to the group email list.

Laundry of Love Project

The committee is looking for a new laundromat to hold the event. The location that was used last year is not able to commit this year because of upcoming changes. Suggestions welcome for other locations. The committee is also looking for donations of food items, hygiene products and gift cards for the event.

Operation Medicine Cabinet / Prescription Drug Disposal

Graham Jura gave an update on his progress. He has been working with the Police Department and the DEA on figuring out a way to continue with the event.

Lorelle Mueting provided information on SHARPS environmental returns as a possible option.

Homeless Youth – Street Outreach Program Data Collection Summary

Cindy Goodin provided members with a copy of the most recent Federal National Study on Homeless Youth 2013 report. YES participated, so there is good local data. For a copy of the summary please contact Cindy.

NEXT MEETING:

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

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 3 at 9 AM, 445 Glen Ave

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