

Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes
Youth and Family

COMMITTEE: Youth and Families
MEETING DATE: January 12, 2016

CHAIRPERSON: Jessica Rayment
LOCATION: Micah House

PRESENT:

Rebecca Losh (Big Brothers Big Sisters)	Haley Blais (Micah House)
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)	Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)
Lorelle Mueting (Heartland Family Service / PMP)	Jaymes Sime (Micah House)
Molly Cummings (West Central Community Action)	Cindy Goodin (Youth Emergency Service)
Dave Smith (Trailblazers)	Julie Florian (HPS – Tobacco)
Sonya Fittje (Hope 4 Iowa Crisis Line)	Misty Graeve (HPS – Tobacco)
Ruth Bolinger (AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa)	Sheila Griffen (WCCA FaDSS)
Kaylene Page (WIOA)	Christy Hagen (Trailblazers)
Susan Pawloski (Lutheran Family Services)	Sarah Smith (Trailblazers)
Tim Hamilton (CBCSD)	Diana Reinsch (VNA / PCPH)

Introductions and Announcements:

Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery) – National Drug Facts Week is January 25-January 31; more information will be coming out soon. <https://teens.drugabuse.gov/national-drug-facts-week>

Jessica Rayment (Promise Partners) –Collective for Youth is hosting free Youth Works Methods Workshops. Promise Partners will be hosting two community assessment focus groups. Priority areas will be Early Childhood Focus on Feb 26th and At-Risk Youth & Families Focus on March 18th.

Haley Blais (Micah House) – Haley is the new to Community Relations and Development at The Micah House.

James Siyme (Micah House) – James is the new Executive Director of The Micah House.

Sonya Fittje (Hope 4 Iowa Crisis Line) – continues to share information about the crisis line. She is able to attend trainings or staff meetings.

Cindy Goodin (YES) – taking applications for the Transition in Place program.

Rebecca Losh (BBBS) – continues to hold information sessions for individuals who are interested in becoming a mentor. They have increased the number of mentors, so match wait time has gone down. Kids previously had to wait around 264 days for a match; it is now around 30 days.

Lorelle Mueting (Heartland Family Service / PMP) – is looking for teams to participate in an upcoming “Dodge Drugs” dodgeball tournament on 1/23. The next PMP meeting is Monday 1/25 at 9am at The Micah House.

Tim Hamilton (CBCSD) – is new to his position as Director of Student and Family Services. The position was previously held by Jenny Barnet who has moved on to a new position.

Julie Florian (HPS – Tobacco) – provided sample policy for tobacco free workplaces. Julie is available to help companies and will provide signs stating the location is tobacco free.

Dave Smith (Trailblazers) – River City Outdoor Expo is coming up at the MAC Center. There will be youth activities that Trailblazers will be helping out with.

Kaylene Page (WIOA) – there have been recent legislative changes to their youth programming. Their focus has moved more in the direction of assisting young people recently out of school transition into training.

Ruth Bolinger (AmeriHealth Caritas Iowa) - is one of the new managed care organizations. They have been providing Managed Care 101 trainings to providers and members to help answer any questions.

Diana Reinsch (VNA / PCPH) – they are planning a needs assessment and strategic planning at the end of January. This is the time to take a look at what the community wants to work on.

Guest Speaker: Susan Pawloski, Lutheran Family Services

LLS have 3 core competencies 1. Children services, 2. Community Services, 3. Behavioral Health Services. Their Centers for Healthy Families is located in the Omni Centre Business Park and provide a variety of programs to the community focusing on their core competencies.

- Young Families Incentive Program – individuals earn points for activities and then can redeem their points for incentive items (diapers, pack n play, etc.)
- Early Childhood and Parenting Specialized Therapies
 - Child-Parent Psychotherapy
 - Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
 - RSafe (therapies for families in which child sexual abuse has occurred)
- Pregnancy and Adoption Counseling – adoption or parenting support for 6 mo. after the birth
- Family Life Education and Support
 - Nurturing Parenting Program

Spotlight Speaker: Christy Hagen, Trailblazers of the Heartland

Parent Link Program

- Parent support that promotes parents programs in the community. They are held the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month (Same as Trailblazers) from 3-4pm at the Boys and Girls Club. There is a guest speaker and opportunities for networking.

Small Group Work – Creating an Action Plan and Steps

- **Marketing & Promotion of Youth & Families Committee**

- **Marketing & Promotion of community trends, issues & other topics**

In keeping to our new time frame of a 1 hour meeting, we were not able to get to this.

NEXT MEETING

Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2016 3-4 PM at the Micah House

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 2 9 AM, 445 Glen Avenue

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