

## Promise Partners Committee Meeting Notes

**COMMITTEE:** Youth and Families  
**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2014

**CHAIRPERSON:** Jessica Simons  
**LOCATION:** Micah House

### **PRESENT:**

Jessica Simons (Promise Partners)  
Terri Dowell (Community Volunteer)  
Kris Steed (Transitional Services of Iowa)  
Shelby Miller (AMP)  
Angela Moerke (TSI & SWIFAC)  
Julie Florian (Tobacco Control)

Anna Hartmann (Council Bluffs Library)  
Pam Nightser (WCCA FaDSS)  
Tiffani Pinkerton (Heartland Family Service)  
Deb Kissel (Zion Recovery)

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Audrey Clauson (Family Connections)  
Michelle Badalucco (Carter Lake Comm. Resource Center)

Dave Smith (Trailblazers)  
Lorelle Muetting (Heartland Family Services)

### **Introductions and Announcements:**

Deb announced the last week of January is National Drug Facts Week. National Drug Facts Week is a health observance week for teens that aims to shatter the myths about drugs and drug abuse. Visit <http://drugfactsweek.drugabuse.gov/> for more information.

The following conferences are coming up:

- Risky Business Conference, April 22, Ames
- Governor's Conference on Substance Abuse, April 22-23, Des Moines
- Alliance for Coalitions for Change (AC4C) Retreat, March 11-12, Johnston
- Iowa Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Conference, April 7, Altoona

Julie reminded everyone of Quitline Iowa for tobacco cessation coaching services. Visit [www.quitnow.net/iowa/](http://www.quitnow.net/iowa/) for more information.

January is Mental Wellness Month.

Shelby shared that AMP Day on the Hill will be January 27. AMP is for youth who are in or have been involved in foster or adoptive care. Agenda items for the day with the Iowa legislature will include PAL benefits for youth who are adopted and around human trafficking issues.

### **Speaker/Topic:**

Tiffany from Heartland Family Services gave an overview of their programs. Mental health and therapeutic services vary. <http://heartlandfamilyservice.org/>.

### **Spotlight Member:**

#### **Anna Hartman of Council Bluffs Library- Teen Services**

The library program is for middle school and high school age students. Anna is the director and 3 part-time assistants help in programming. They provide approximately 70 kids daily

average with programs and activities in their own space. A calendar of activities was passed out. <http://www.councilbluffslibrary.org/teens/>.

### **Updates:**

#### **Laundry Love Project:**

Members of the Youth & Families Committee completed and submitted an application for \$2,000 in Community Networking Grant funding to host a Laundry Love Event. We received notice that the project was approved.

The evening will provide an opportunity for youth and families that struggle financially to wash their clothing and laundry at no cost on April 10, 2014. While together, intentional networking and friendships will be built to create a sense of community and help participants get assistance from neighbors, community resources, and others.

A subcommittee is working on the details of the April 10 event for homeless/near homeless youth. The next planning meeting will be Tuesday, January 28 at 1pm at the Wash Daze Laundromat at 27 So. 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Council Bluffs.

#### **Community Calendars:**

Calendars of youth and family friendly events in January and February were passed around the room. They were also made available on Google Docs.

### **Developmental Assets of the Month: Empowerment**

- **Community Values Youth**—Young person perceives that adults in the community value the youth.
- **Youth as Resources**—Young people are given useful roles in the community.
- **Services to Others**—Young person serves in the community one hour or more per week.
- **Safety**—Young person feels safe at home, school, and in the neighborhood.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 4 at 9AM, 445 Glen Avenue

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

*Speaker/ Topic-*

*Door Greeter-Cindy Goodin*

*Spotlight Speaker- Kris Steed, Transitional Services of Iowa*

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