

Fox Cities Project Promise Poverty Coalition

Executive Steering Committee

United Way Fox Cities

February 4, 2010

3:10 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Meeting summary

In attendance: Jennifer Wanke, Debra Cronmiller, Andrew Konkel, Amanda Dietrich, Jon Stellmacher, Kelly Butzlaff, Jenni Eickelberg, with Carrie Hankes via phone
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Call to Order: Jon Stellmacher

Invocation: Andrew Konkel shared a quote from an African Proverb.

Treasurer's & Membership Report: Debra Cronmiller reported that there were no financial changes. Debra needs committees to report in-kind donations to her for record keeping. Awareness and Education will create a report for Debra of in-kind donations from the annual report. Debra is going to invoice existing agency members for their yearly \$25 dues. Andrew reported that we have gained new members from the annual report and the speakers' bureau. There was not a total number available. Going forward we will track the changes in membership numbers.

Committee Reports:

- *Analysis & Information:* Mito and Jeff were not in attendance and had reported via email that there was no news to report and they would have more to report in March.
- *Awareness & Education:* Kelly Butzlaff reported that they were looking for feedback on the annual report and asked the other steering committee members to fill out an evaluation card. Kelly reported that they won't decide on next year's format until later this year. Kelly and Jenni are working to get more youth involved this year.
- *Action & Impact:* Carrie reported that the Continuum of Care committee was struggling with their purpose. They are concerned about the amount of work it would take to create and maintain a schematic. There are many efforts out there by other groups to create issue specific schematics that could be used for the ultimate purpose of this committee in identifying gaps in services. They will meet next month to decide their future.
Action and impact was contacted by Einstein Phone Company. They are interested in supplying phones to those in poverty. There are other companies

currently doing this and Carrie will work with them to connect them to the currently available programs.

The legislative lunch and learn is going to be held in September. Julia Drobeck is contacting potential partners and the details will be flushed out from there.

Debra pointed out that the website currently has the old budget and goals listed.

Andrew will contact Catherine to update this.

Andrew reported that the Resource Fair and Faith to Face both are in the project bank.

Discussion/Action items:

Convoy of Hope: Jennifer and Jon were approached to be part of a grant application for this event. It was decided that because we are not sponsoring or co hosting the event Project Promise would not participate in applying for the grant. Andrew will be meeting to get more details on this event.

March Meeting: Kristine Stacker will present at this meeting because she was not able to present at the December meeting. Programs for the June, September, and December meetings were set.

Celebrating our Volunteers: Project Promise will be nominated for this event.

Meeting Cancellation Policy: If Appleton Area Schools are closed then meetings will be canceled.

Fox Valley Warming Shelter: The FV Warming Shelter is raising funds for a new building. The steering committee acknowledged that a capital campaign for a single organization is beyond PPPC's purpose to build awareness, educate the community, and facilitate collaborative action.

**Committee Member Nicole Harrison shared the following information via e-mail after the meeting:*

Two years ago, I did a presentation at Xavier High School on poverty and state/local efforts. There was a group of 3 juniors who embraced the Vision 2020 mission after viewing the video, so they decided to sew tote bags and sell them to generate funds for local efforts (Project Promise). I received an email a couple weeks ago from one of the girls and she stated they completed their 2 year project and sold all the tote bags they had made, so she was sending me a check for the profits totaling \$660! Very cool for local youth to support the Coalition in this way!

Coalition members are invited and encouraged to attend PPPC executive steering committee meetings. Contact Co-chairs Jennifer Wanke leaven@new.rr.com or Jon Stellmacher jon.stellmacher@thrivent.com if you plan on attending any of the executive steering committee meetings listed below.

2010 Meeting dates/times/locations:

Executive Steering Committee

(First Thursday PM)

3:00-4:30 p.m.

United Way

February 4

March 4

April 1

May 6

June 3

July 1

Aug 5

Sept.2

Oct. 7

Nov. 4

Dec. 2

Full Membership

(Second Wednesday AM)

7:30-8:30 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church

March 10

June 9

September 8

December 8

Steering Committee Meeting Invocations:

(2010)

- March-Jeff Williams
- April-Kelly Butzlaff
- May-Jon Stellmacher
- June-Debra Cronmiller
- July-Carrie Hanks
- August-Jennifer Wanke
- September-Amanda Dietrich
- October-Nicole Harrison
- November-Jenni Eickelberg
- December-Mito Kudaka

