

# *Fox Cities Project Promise Poverty Coalition*

Zion Lutheran Church

March 10, 2010

7:30am-8:30am

## Meeting Summary

**Call to Order:** The Fox Cities Project Promise Poverty Coalition meeting was called to order at 7:35a.m. by Jon Stellmacher, Co-Chairperson.

**Invocation:** Jennifer Wanke read a quote by George Washington Carver

**Program:** Kristine Stacker Executive Director of the Fox Cities Community Health Center presented on the Community Health Center. The FCCHC is transitioning from a “free” clinic to a community clinic. FCCHC provides medical, dental, and mental health care. They accept all the major insurance providers and serve the uninsured, underinsured, and title nineteen recipients. Fees are based on a sliding scale with payment plans. The clinic has a Spanish speaking family practitioner, a family nurse practitioner, and one internal medicine specialist. They are looking to add additional physicians as well as an additional dentist. The dental clinic provides preventive and minor restorative care. Twenty five to fifty people are turned away everyday for care. The clinic has two full time therapists and offers six hours a week of psychiatry. The clinic has seen a significant increase in the need for their services. Kristine reported on the Community Prescription Drug Fund. This fund is used to help patients get their prescription medication when they are facing a financial hardship. This program has served 3500 people since 2007 at a significantly reduced cost than originally predicted. FCCHC will help patients with transportation to the clinic as well as translation.

**Treasurers Report:** Debra Cronmiller was not in attendance but Jon Stellmacher reported that PPPC has a balance of \$3,691.77. All of the expenses for the annual meeting have been paid for. Many of the expenses were covered by in-kind donations. PPPC received a \$200 grant from Thedacare through their employee volunteer recognition program. Jon also reminded the coalition that the annual dues request will be sent out to institutional members.

### **Committee Reports:**

- *Analysis & Information:* Jeff Williams and Mito Kudaka were unable to attend the meeting but Jennifer Wanke reported they are continuing to focus on financial literacy.
- *Awareness & Education:* Kelly Butzlaff reported that they are working on evaluations of the annual meeting to plan for next year. Kelly reminded everyone that Awareness & Education meets the first Monday of every month at United Way. Awareness and Education are regrouping after the annual meeting and are hoping to get more youth involved.

- *Action & Impact:* Andrew Konkel reported that Catherine Scullion is the contact for the PPPC website if people would like things posted on the website. Andrew reported that we have 89 fans on the Facebook page. Action and Impact subcommittees are currently working on a Legislative Lunch and Learn for the fall and are working to get partners on board with that event. Andrew will be assisting with the Convoy of Hope event on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Maplewood Middle School. Andrew will be heading the community services tent and Kristine Stacker, Paula Morgan, and Carrie Hankes will be heading the health services tent. The resource fair will be held in early June this year and Amanda and Catherine Scullion are looking for people who want to help with that committee. A chair or co-chairs are needed for the Faith to Face committee. This event will happen again in October but volunteers are needed to begin planning now.

### **Sharing of Information:**

- Amanda with Congressman Kagen's office shared that Congressman Kagen will be hosting a grant event on April 8<sup>th</sup> at UWGB in Green Bay. The event is free and those interested in attending should RSVP to Amanda at [Amanda.dietrich@mail.house.gov](mailto:Amanda.dietrich@mail.house.gov).
- Cap Services is looking for family mentor volunteers
- Paula Morgan reported that there will be a healthy kids day on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a bike clinic where kids can get a free helmet. The bike clinic begins at 9am the healthy kids day events begin at 11am.
- Dr. Mielke announced there will be a speaker on the effects of poverty on child development. The event is March 18<sup>th</sup> at Appleton East High School at 7pm.
- Kelly Butzlaff reported that Headstart is accepting applications. UW Oshkosh Head Start is accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Head Start is a FREE preschool program serving low-income families with children who will be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2010 in Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, & Shawano Counties. For more information, call 1-800-624-4436
- Betsy Rozelle reminded everyone that there two poverty simulations coming up.
- Mary Parsons told the coalition through a telephone company error, LEAVEN's phone number was accidentally omitted from the new phone book and she is asking everyone to share that information with any potential clients who need referrals. The number is 738-9635. She also reported that the Moratorium on the Utility disconnection will be lifted soon so LEAVEN will begin accepting applications for assistance on March 22.
- Christine Cheevers from the Fox Valley Literacy Coalition reported they had been featured in a Post Crescent story.
- Representatives from Einstein Wireless told the coalition about their new Safelink phone program. They are looking for agencies to distribute and post information on how their clients can apply for a phone from Einstein.
- Marsha Engen reported that there will be a Juvenile Justice conference.

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