

Fox Cities Project Promise Poverty Coalition

Executive Steering Committee

LEAVEN

September 3, 2009

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting summary

In attendance: Jennifer Wanke, Debra Cronmiller, Jennifer Lehner, Marcia Engen, Mito Kudaka, Andrew Konkel, Kelly Butzlaff, Nicole Harrison, Jeff Williams
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Welcome: Jeff Williams was welcomed to the Executive Steering Committee as a co-chair of the Analysis & Information Committee. Jennifer Lehner has resigned as committee co-chair but will remain a member of the committee. Jennifer Wanke thanked Jennifer for her service on the Analysis & Information Committee and the Executive Steering Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Debra Cronmiller reported the books are closed in preparation for the annual report. At this time we have 41 paid members with \$1,050 in dues. Paid members include agencies, companies, churches, etc. We have \$978.04 in our account.

Committee Reports:

- *Analysis & Information:* Mito Kudaka, co-chair, reported at the last meeting they grouped the causes of **financial illiteracy** into those that were the most effective and could be implemented with the least effort. From this the committee is going to create a survey instrument for specific agencies to gather actual data. That information will be given to the committee in time for their October meeting. In addition to looking for the key causes of financial illiteracy, Jeff Williams, co-chair, added they would also be seeking the answer to the question, "What level of illiteracy are we trying to overcome?"
- *Awareness & Education:* Kelly Butzlaff, co-chair, reported the **PPPC Annual Report to the Community** will be held on January 15, 2010 at UW Fox Valley. The following speaking engagements have been made with the **PPPC Speakers Bureau**:
 1. Sandi Moore, October 2009, Faith to Face
 2. Kelly Butzlaff, September 24, 2009, Fox Valley Technical College
 3. Kelly Butzlaff, November 2009, Neenah Pre-School Options CommitteeThe suggestion to have a **poverty insert** in the Post Crescent is being considered once each year. The committee is hoping to work with the local **school liaisons for homeless students**. An invitation is being extended to the liaisons.
- *Action & Impact:* Andrew Konkel, co-chair, reported the **Continuum of Care** committee has been connected with its community partners. At this time housing and transportation are the first sectors to be chosen to be highlighted. The **PPPC Website** <http://www.projectpromisefoxcities.org> is updated and operating. The

Faith to Face Poverty Week binders are completed, commitment letters are being sent soon, and the poverty simulations are being encouraged as volunteers have already stepped forward. Twenty-five faith communities have signed up and work continues on seeking media coverage. The **Hunger Task Force** is continuing its work on building a Hunger Coalition in the Fox Cities.

Discussion/Action items:

- **September 9, 2009 full membership meeting:** The League of Women Voters will be asked to promote citizen participation in the national census during the *sharing of information* segment of the meeting.
- **Executive Steering Committee Meeting Dates 2010:** The meeting schedule will remain the same, first Thursday 3-4:30 p.m. Meetings will be cancelled if deemed unnecessary.
- **Full Membership Meeting Dates 2010:** The meeting schedule will remain the same, second Wednesday 7:30-8:30 a.m. of March, June, September and December.
- **Future programs:** Andrew Konkel received a request from Congressman Kagen who proposed the following program topic: the weaving together of social services. Amanda Dietrich is the contact person.
- **Terms of office:** This topic will be discussed at the next executive steering committee meeting.
- **Annual dues:** The mechanics of instituting an annual dues appeal are being developed and will be ready for the December meeting.
- **October Meeting of the Executive Steering Committee:** Anticipating no urgent business in the next four weeks, the committee will not meet on October 1, 2009. The next meeting will be November 5, 2009.

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.

2009 Meeting dates/times/locations:

Executive Steering Committee
 (First Thursday PM)
 3:00-4:30 p.m.
LEAVEN
 October 1 (cancelled)
 November 5
 December 3

Full Membership
 (Second Wednesday AM)
 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Zion Lutheran Church
 *September 9 Noon – 1 p.m.
 December 9

Steering Committee Meeting Invocations:

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- November Marcia Engen
- December Nicole Harrison