

Wisconsin Prevention Network Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2003
MINUTES

1. February Meeting Minutes approved.

2. Financial Report:

- \$6,002.22 balance in checking.
- \$10,800.00 in CD.
- \$740 generated in membership dues.
- \$1,352.30 expended on supplies for WPN booth, past two teleconferences, and sponsorship of two registration scholarships for the Adolescent & Families Conference.

3. Progress reports from workgroups.

a.) Concept Papers:

- No word from Roger yet on the progress of the papers.
- Ken Ramminger suggested that a section be included in the document to make people aware of the federal criteria for model programs. Chris Wardlow will forward this thought to Roger.
- Discussion continued as to the need for addressing best practices in preventing underage drinking separate from the section that will highlight best practices in substance abuse prevention. It was agreed that Chris Wardlow will submit a best practices paper on preventing underage drinking to Roger that can be used either as a stand alone piece, or integrated into the substance abuse section.
- Ken also raised the issue of whether or not the pregnancy prevention section addresses teen attitudes about sex. Ken cited a recent article in the State Journal which indicated that many young people view sex as some sort of recreational activity. Sue Allen stated that prevention initiatives that promote abstinence do address this attitude. Chris mentioned that in researching best practices for the paper he submitted to Roger, abstinence was an effective message if it was part of a comprehensive strategy that included health information, life skills training, mentoring, and academic support. Sue is going to send some more information on this subject to Roger for inclusion in the best practices piece on pregnancy prevention.

b.) Website & Listserv:

- Website has not been updated since October. Chris Wardlow will send Kris Christian the most recent meeting minutes. Chris will also make sure that the

notice of the upcoming meeting is posted as well as information for how people can participate in the teleconference.

c.) Education / Training:

- WCB is putting the finishing touches on a survey to gain information from prevention practitioners. WCB wants to know why people choose to maintain certification or not, and why people choose not to become certified at all. What barriers people face to becoming or maintaining certification. What are the professional development needs of prevention practitioners. This will be helpful in understanding what the training needs are.
- Sue Allen indicated that there is a growing need for a statewide prevention conference or summit again. People throughout the state are involved in one or more of a handful of prevention initiatives that are going on simultaneously throughout the state. Brighter Futures, SIG, Asset Building, Drug-Free Communities, school-based prevention, suicide prevention, pregnancy prevention, and early childhood initiatives are just a few of the projects people are engaged in. However, there is no mechanism in place for networking and sharing between those who are involved in each of these areas. It was agreed that WPN needs to keep this on the agenda for ongoing discussion at future meetings. Chris Wardlow also agreed to raise this issue at the Adolescents & Families Conference to see how others feel. He will report back at the next WPN meeting.

4. State Incentive Grant Advisory Committee

a.) The SIG Advisory Committee is charged with developing both short-term (1 to 3 years) and the long-term (4 to 10 years) goals for improving and institutionalizing an effective statewide prevention service delivery system, as well as developing and supporting a comprehensive state prevention plan that recommends how prevention funds can be systematically disseminated to support the most effective, science-based prevention programs within the state.

b.) Chris reported that Doug Stevens, who is on the committee, indicated that the committee had not started this process yet.

c.) How can WPN provide input into this plan? Sue Allen recommended WPN ask Doug Stevens if he would be willing to be WPN's voice. Sue agreed to approach Doug with this request.

d.) Sue explained that Lou Oppor has already laid the groundwork for the planning process by inviting input from SIG funded counties on the six priorities that will be addressed in the state's plan:

- Building statewide leadership;
- Training & capacity building;
- Research & development of best practices;

- Managing for outcomes;
- Coordination & collaboration;
- Statewide communication.

e.) Could WPN help meet the advisory committee's need to gain input from the prevention field by inviting them to participate in the statewide prevention summit that was discussed earlier in the meeting (3 c.)? Discussion of this possibility will continue at the next WPN meeting.

f.) Sue Allen mentioned that there is also a need to show people how the developmental assets fit into the SIG initiative. Perhaps this might be a topic of interest for a WPN-sponsored, statewide prevention summit, or possibly a series of regional workshops? Discussion of this possibility will also continue at the next WPN meeting.

5. Plan proposed by the Wisconsin Counties Association for redesigning human service delivery in Wisconsin

a.) How will this impact prevention services? The plan calls for a pooling of youth and community aids at the state level with funds being allocated to counties on a pre-set, per-client rate.

b.) Prevention is currently funded through a percentage of these aids and the AODA block grants issued to each county.

c.) WCA has not yet come up with a formula for maintaining prevention funding. Thus, there may be an opportunity to have input on this part of their plan.

d.) Ron Biendseil wondered if WPN might be better off focusing its efforts on supporting the Family Policy Board legislation. This is something more immediate that will, if passed, impact how the state and counties deliver prevention services.

e.) Ken Ramminger, however, agreed to at least test the waters at WCA's May meeting to see if they would welcome input from WPN.

6. Update on Family Policy Board legislation

a.) Ron explained that the legislation being drafted by Rep. Kestell does more than create a Family Policy Board. This legislation also revises the language in current statutes relevant to how the state and counties are mandated to provide prevention services. The proposed language articulates specific areas of prevention and mandates the state and counties to provide these prevention services.

7. Member updates.

a.) HOPES - Wisconsin

- 5th Annual Walk for Awareness: "Bringing Depression & Suicide to Light"
Saturday, May 17th, 2003, 10:00 A.M.
St. Raphael's Cathedral, 222 W. Main St., Madison, WI

For more information go to: <http://www.hopes-wi.org/walk/index.htm>

- Men and Depression Awareness campaign being launched in conjunction with the national campaign sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health. For more information go to: <http://menanddepression.nimh.nih.gov/>.

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b.) Agenda items: