

Wisconsin Prevention Network Meeting  
Monday, June 30, 2003  
MINUTES

I. May Meeting Minutes approved [Motion - Ken Ramminger; Second - Chris Wardlow; Motion carried].

II. Advocacy

A. Wisconsin Counties Association - Ken Ramminger

1. Ken sent a letter on April 30, 2003, to the president of the Wisconsin Counties Association expressing concern that prevention was not addressed in their legislative plan for redesigning how human services are delivered in the state. The letter also expressed concern that prevention was not part of the Association's constitution and by-laws.

2. On June 6, 2003, Ken received a response from WCA's president acknowledging prevention's absence, and explaining that they saw funding for these types of services as the state's responsibility and were themselves unclear as to how that should happen. Their primary concern is addressing those services they are mandated to provide. Prevention is not clearly defined.

3. Next steps:

a.) Ken will draft a letter on WPN's behalf to WCA encouraging them to more formally recognize prevention as a vital service that both the state and counties provide, and that it needs to be a part of any plan to revamp how the state and counties provide human services.

b.) Shel Gross will draft a similar letter to Secretary Helene Nelson of DHFS advocating for prevention remaining a priority in any future plans for revamping human services.

c.) Drafts of both letters will be sent to the WPN Listserv for review.

d.) Letters will be signed by Roger Williams.

e.) The letter to WCA will be copied to Secretary Nelson, and the letter to Sec. Nelson will be copied to WCA.

B. SIG Prevention Plan - Ken Ramminger & Sue Allen

1. Ken participates as a non-voting citizen member of the SIG Advisory Committee. He missed their June meeting but indicated that the committee just introduced the issue of developing a statewide prevention plan.

2. Their next meeting is in September.

3. Doug Stevens indicated in May that he will continue to encourage Lou Oppor to gain input from WPN on the plan as it is being drafted.

C. Family Policy Board - Ron Biendseil

1. Ron indicated that Representative Kestell hopes to introduce the bill this summer.

2. Ron reminded WPN of that the Family Policy Board . . .

a.) will not create a new organization or add another layer of bureaucracy to state government;

b.) will not control funding to state agencies or mandate the programs and services state agencies must provide;

- c.) is a new way to organize and connect state agencies with missions that directly affect the lives of children, youth, and families;
  - d.) will focus on agency policies rather than specific services or programs.
3. Ron also repeated the fact that the FPB legislation also more clearly defines prevention and prevention services.
  4. Sue Allen and Shel Gross hope to meet with Anne Arnesen, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council on Children & Families, prior to WPN's August meeting to try to clarify the differences between the Family Policy Board proposed by RFTS and the Children's Cabinet promoted by WCCF. Is there a the possibility of uniting behind one plan?
  5. While coming together behind one initiative would be ideal, Ron suggested that if Kestell does introduce his bill this summer that WPN urge its members to contact their legislators to encourage them to sign on to it as sponsors.
    - a.) Ron will send the draft of the bill to the WPN Listserv as well as a copy of the one page "Talking Points" document developed by RFTS.
    - b.) He will also keep us posted as to the progress of the bill.

### III. Workgroups

#### A. Concept Papers - Roger Williams

1. Progress of individual papers:
  - a.) Have not heard anything from Michelle Mangan or Kathy Wolf of WI Clearinghouse regarding their work on an AODA paper. Roger will contact them.
  - b.) Sue Opheim is working on a Suicide prevention piece and will mail it to Roger.
  - c.) Sue Allen will work on a paper that ties all prevention together around Positive Youth Development.
  - d.) Chris is wrapping up a paper on Underage Drinking and will send it to Roger along with the papers on Dropout Prevention and Pregnancy Prevention which have already been completed.
2. Roger will format all submissions and send them to the WPN Listserv for review.
3. The plan is to have all papers available electronically via the WPN Website and in hardcopy format by this Fall.

#### B. Education & Training

1. Sue Allen will meet with Lou Oppor to discuss his interest in partnering with WPN to provide a workshop for SIG partners and other prevention folks around infusing Assets into prevention initiatives.
2. If this is not a possibility, Sue suggested WPN consider co-sponsoring something similar with WPYD and Search Institute.
  - a.) Sue suggested either a 2 to 3 day statewide workshop, or a number of regional Link And Learns throughout the state.
  - b.) Sue will forward the WPN Listserv information from Search on co-sponsoring either type of event.
  - c.) Discussion will continue at the August 20th WPN meeting.
3. Upcoming conferences and workshops include . . .
  - Child Sexual Abuse in October
  - HOPES of Wisconsin: Suicide Prevention on October 31 & November 1 in Kimberly.

- DPI's Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference December 2 & 3.
4. Chris is on the planning committee for the Annual Adolescents and Families Conference in Cable in April 2004. He asked if WPN will consider sponsoring two registration scholarships again. While there was general support for doing so, Chris suggested that a formal vote wait until he has the exact dollar amount. Hopefully by the August meeting.

#### IV. WPN Membership Coordination

The following is a proposal submitted by Sue Allen & Wisconsin Positive Youth Development to contract with WPN to serve as WPN's Membership and Grants Coordinator:

##### PROPOSAL:

The per hour fee for PYD professional time has been \$60/hour for many years. This proposal considers PYD's membership in WPN and therefore charges substantially less than our typical fees.

##### Membership Coordination

Item A. Develop leads and make contacts for recruiting new members with organizations and individuals. Develop printed information to recruit new members. Distribute membership recruitment information via U.S. Mail and Email 2x per year.

Cost: (Professional time: 100 hours x \$30/hour) \$3,000 + \$300 (Support staff: 15 hours x \$20/hour) = \$3,300

Item B. Send renewal notices to members. Process incoming WPN new and renewal memberships (maintain database; send welcome letter, WPN info, and recent minutes; add to Listserv).

Cost: Support staff: 30 hours x \$20/hour = \$600

Item C. Coordinate logistics for membership and board meetings\* (arrange for conference calls or meeting space, distribute information to members and web master in timely fashion, set up space and refreshments if necessary, clean up, etc.). \*This does not include taking and typing meeting minutes.

Cost: Professional or support staff: 10 hours x \$25/hour = \$250

##### Grant Coordination

Item D. Research sources of and purposes for funding, discuss options and make decisions with WPN steering committee/board,

Cost: 40 x \$20/hour for grant research = \$800\*

\*Research time would be shared with PYD and Montello Area CLC at \$20/hour each to equal PYD's typical \$60/hour fee for service.

Item E. Develop relationships with potential funders, write and submit proposals to funders: (2-5) per year worth at least \$25,000

Cost: 100 hours x \$30/hour = \$3,000

Action Taken:

1. Roger Williams made a motion to approve Items A, B, C, and D of the above mentioned proposal submitted by Sue Allen and Wisconsin Positive Youth Development.
2. Chris Wardlow seconded the motion.
3. Motion carried by unanimous vote with Sue Allen abstaining.

Sue Allen will begin drafting a work plan in August and submit a draft at the August 20th WPN meeting.

V. August 20th, 2003, WPN Meeting Agenda

A. Discussion on support for and feasibility of co-sponsoring an Asset Workshop with the Search Institute and Wisconsin Positive Youth Development.

B. Report from Membership/Grants Coordinator - Sue Allen

B. Updates:

1. Family Policy Board;
2. WCA's proposal to redesign how human services are delivered;
3. SIG's statewide prevention plan.

C. Workgroup Reports:

1. Education & Training;
2. Concept Papers.

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