

Wisconsin Prevention Network
Minutes
March 22, 2006

Members Present: Chris Wardlow, Karen Knudsen, Sue Allen, Ken Ramminger, Shel Gross, Stephanie Legro, Pamela Radcliffe, Jill Gamez, Shawn Bogard, Betty Wall, Julia Sherman

- I. Prevention Conference – report by Julia Sherman
 - Conference to be held in Steven’s Point on July 18-19, 2006; Excellent presenters to include: Glenn Birch from MADD, Judy Cushing to review NAIS Report, Julie Battle who wrote book “Common Sense for Community Change,” Reverend Jessi Brown. Other topics to include suicide prevention, and western Wisconsin meth grants.
- II. Financial Report – given by Karen Knudsen
 - January beginning balance was \$6794.92. One payment to Nowicki Networks (for website maintenance) of \$27.50. Ending balance is \$6767.42.
 - The CD balance is \$6252.58
- III. WPN Annual Meeting
 - Continued discussion on holding WPN annual meeting at the WI Prevention Conference in conjunction with a WPN reception the first night of the conference. Time concerns to hold both in one evening were expressed by several members. Final decision is to host a reception on July 18th approximate times from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Estimated at 50 – 75 people to attend. Chris Wardlow states there is money available in the account to cover costs. Estimate on costs will be reviewed in next meeting. Julia Sherman will draft wording form brochure, Chris Wardlow to review.
 - Annual Meeting will be held morning of July 19th 7:00 AM – 7:45 AM.
- IV. Wisconsin Coalitions Connect – report by Sue Allen
 - Immediately following the WI Prevention conference there will be a Wisconsin’s Coalitions Connect training/meeting. This has resulted from needs expressed by AWY members. An online survey is being distributed to AWY members to further develop this event.
 - There is a roll for WPN within the context of the event. WPN will be involved in future planning of the event from Chris Wardlow and Shawn Bogard.
- V. Advocacy Training – report by Sue Allen
 - Training planned from May 2nd in Madison. Cost is \$15. WPN will contribute approximately \$100-\$200 to cover costs for the event.
- VI. Public Policy Committee Report – given by Shel Gross
 - Ken Ramminger attended Open Minds Conference and reported on WCFC key initiative is to revoke the status of pushing 17 year olds into adult criminal court. An invitation will be made to Jeannie Erickson to join the Policy Committee. This initiative is supported by brain development research. Ken also reports lots of good information covered throughout conference; of particular interest is the extreme difference between treatment within the DHFS (Mendota) system and Dept. of Corrections system.
 - Shaken Baby Syndrome Bill was signed into law by the Governor on March 21, 2006.
 - The Child Abuse and Prevention Board is undergoing some restructuring.
 - Senate Bill 128 to increase insurance benefits for mental health and substance abuse services appears to be dead.
 - The Bill to increase the birch certificate fee has had no movement; however, there appears to be a similar bill being proposed.
- VII. Membership – report by Chris Wardlow
 - No new members to report
 - Annual renewal fees are needed from several members, the members will be alerted of status.
- VIII. Trust Fund Report
 - Planning grants have been awarded for:

- Family Response Teams – Circle of Support
- Specialized Family Resource Center in Milwaukee for adults with mental health and substance abuse issues
- Expand Respite Care
- Increase parent to parent support systems
- Increasing infant mental health services in community based settings (child care centers, etc)
- Campaign to address child sexual assault prevention “Stop it Now”

IX. Member updates:

- Several communities holding Underage Drinking Town Hall Meetings in March and April.
- Appleton has a referendum on the ballot to repeal the smoke free ordinance.

X. Next WPN Teleconference will be May 17, 2006 from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM.

- Agenda Items to include:
 - i. Reception at Prevention Conference
 - ii. Annual Meeting
 - iii. Coalition Connects
 - iv. Update on Smoke Free Ordinance in Appleton
 - v. Advocacy Training
 - vi. Status of Officers
 - vii. Public Policy Committee