

Wisconsin Prevention Network
Minutes
May 17, 2006

Members Present: Karen Knudsen, Sue Allen, Ken Ramminger, Melinda Pollen, Shawn Boogaard, Ron Biendseil, Julia Sherman, Sue Allen, Chris Wardlow

- I. Prevention Conference – report by Julia Sherman
 - Conference to be held in Steven’s Point on July 18-19, 2006 at the new Holiday Inn. Registration material can be accessed at the Clearinghouse website: <http://wch.uhs.wisc.edu/>.
 - One workshop has been added on the final day. The workshop will be by Dr. Stephen Small on the report “What Works Wisconsin”
 - Secretary Nelson has agreed to speak
 - Scholarships are available for Alliance for Wisconsin Youth members who have updated their coalition information on the AWY website: <http://allianceforwisconsinyouth.com/>. The scholarships are available for both the Conference and Wisconsin Coalitions Connect

- II. WPN Annual Meeting and Networking Reception
 - The WPN annual meeting will be held at the prevention conference on July 19th at 7:00am. The meeting will only be 45 minutes in length and will focus on complying with the organization’s bylaws (elections, annual financial report)
 - WPN will host a networking reception at the state prevention conference the evening of July 18th from 5:00-6:30pm. The reception is advertised in the conference brochure. Chris Wardlow and Julia Sherman are making the arrangements.
 - WPN will also have an exhibit at the conference. Karen Knudsen will submit the registration form.

- III. Wisconsin Coalitions Connect – report by Sue Allen
 - Immediately following the WI Prevention conference there will be a Wisconsin’s Coalitions Connect networking event. This has resulted from needs expressed by AWY members. An online survey seeking input on issues to be discussed at the event was completed by over 90 individuals
 - WPN will facilitate a session on the second day (June 20th) focusing on developing a strategy for a campaign to increase prevention funding in Wisconsin. The session will utilize the ‘Power Analysis’ tool developed by Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America.
 - Sue suggested that WPN have a representative participate in the session focusing on designing a ‘coalitions connect’ structure for prevention and youth development in Wisconsin with state leaders. Chris agreed to attend.
 - It was also suggested that minutes be taken for each WCC session and then compiled into a final WCC Report that summarizes the entire event.

- IV. Advocacy Training – report by Sue Allen
 - Overall, evaluations for the training were positive. The one recommendation that was made for future advocacy/lobbying training is to focus on Wisconsin specific laws and issues. WPN might be interested in cosponsoring such an event, but will

- V. Public Policy Committee Report – given by Ron Biendseil and Ken Ramminger
 - Ken Ramminger attended the educational forum for state legislators on treatment at the WAAODA Conference. Ken’s reaction was that while treatment is positive, treatment services in Wisconsin lack the infrastructure to provide consistent quality care across the board. The relapse numbers are even more staggering for incarcerated addicts upon their release from prison.
 - Ken also attended the WCCF conference on juvenile justice. He mentioned that WCCF is launching a campaign to return 17 year olds to juvenile courts. This is based on research regarding the adolescent brain.

- Ken will be attending the WINASW Conference to hopefully learn a little more on why the state isn't pursuing the integration of economic support and child welfare.
- Ron mentioned that Shel is keeping an eye on the progress of a bill at the state level requiring citizenship for state services.
- Ron asked if anyone was familiar with the Wisconsin Afterschool Network. This network has a real impressive list of state partners and has received funding from the C.S. Mott Foundation. Ron will find out more about WAN to help WPN determine whether it should explore becoming a partner.

VI. Financial Report – given by Karen Knudsen

March 22, 2006	Beginning Checking Account Balance	\$6767.42
April 4, 2006	Paymnt of \$22.50 to Nowicki Networks LLC – web maintenance	\$6744.92
April 12, 2006	Deposit of \$50.00 (memberships)	\$6794.92
May 10, 2006	Deposit of \$175.00 (memberships)	\$6969.92
May 15, 2006	Payment of \$80.00 to Postmaster – Annual PO Box Fee	\$6889.92
May 17, 2006	Ending Checking Account Balance	\$6889.92

VII. Membership – Chris Wardlow

- Concern was expressed about the lack of notification when memberships are do to expire. Chris will work to address this issue.

VIII. Annual WPN Meeting, Wednesday July 19, 2006

- 7:00-7:45am at the new Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point
- Agenda Items to include:
 - i. Annual “State of the Network” Report
 - ii. Financial Report
 - iii. Election of officers
 - WPN Chair (one-year term)
 - WPN Chair-Elect (one-year term)