

Wisconsin Prevention Network
Minutes
September 20, 2006

Members Present: Ken Ramminger, Shel Gross, Brenda Jennings, Pamela Radcliffe, Kathy Wolf, Suzie Rodriguez, Chris Wardlow

DRL/Prevention Certification Update – Kathy Wolf

- Kathy is representing WPN on DRL's Substance Abuse Advisory Committee, which is assisting in the transition of all AODA credentialing from the Wisconsin Certification Board to DRL. Kathy reported that with a little tweaking, the committee adopted WPN's definition of prevention. The committee is continuing to work on establishing standards for credentialing of prevention specialists. The priority is to have the competencies align both with the ICRC, to ensure reciprocity for credential holders, and with SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework, which will drive prevention in the future. Nationally, Wisconsin is taking the lead in this effort. While it will be a few months before DRL irons out the whole prevention credentialing process, Kathy suggested the WPN begin to have discussions as an organization about its position regarding prevention certification.

SCAODA Prevention Committee – Chris Wardlow

The Committee met for the first time on August 23.

- The first priority is to develop logic models that will guide the committee in helping SCAODA reach its goals. SCAODA's goals for 2006-2010 are:
 - Goal 1: Support, promote and encourage the implementation of a system of substance abuse services that are evidence-based, gender and culturally competent, population specific, and ensure equal and barrier-free access.
 - Goal 2: Support the prevention and reduction of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse through evidence-based practice with special emphasis on underage use.
 - Goal 3: Support and encourage recovery in communities by reducing discrimination, barriers and promoting healthy lifestyles.
- The Prevention Committee is developing logic models based on the following assumptions as they pertain to the above-mentioned goals:
 - If there are clear definitions and training on cultural competence and evidence-based programs outcomes will improve.
 - If we can ensure equal and barrier-free access to AODA prevention services, outcomes will improve.
 - Prevention is an integral part of an effective substance abuse system.
 - Prevention requires a multi-faceted approach to reducing substance abuse.
 - The culture around alcohol consumption in Wisconsin contributes greatly to underage drinking.
 - The culture around tobacco consumption in Wisconsin contributes greatly to underage smoking.
 - The community and policy makers need greater awareness of the value of supporting recovery and prevention of relapse in order to promote healthy lifestyles.
 - Increasing access and utilization of recovery services will break the cycle of addiction in families and communities.
 - Substance abuse prevention and recovery need to address trauma history and mental health issues.
- Brenda Jennings of MHA in Milwaukee is also on the committee.

Public Policy Committee – Ken Ramminger

- It was agreed that it would be desirable to encourage people to read **Blueprint for the States**; recommendations from a national policy panel on ways states can improve how they organize and deliver alcohol and drug prevention and treatment. Julia Sherman agreed to develop some questions based on the Blueprint that individuals could ask Wisconsin's political candidates. It was also suggested that this might be something that could go to the Prevention Committee of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse for consideration.

- Public Policy Committee discussed the potential for the Wisconsin Clearinghouse to provide additional information on policy issues rather than have WPN create its own Listserv. Julia said she would talk with Kathy Wolf about this. Julia later reported that the Clearinghouse would start adding this information – with an emphasis on state issues. If folks have any specific issues they believe the Clearinghouse should track, please let Julia know.
- Kathy Wolf suggested that the Public Policy Committee consider, on behalf of WPN, using Julia’s questions as part of an official candidate survey, the results of which could be posted on the WPN website. Kathy will work with Julia in developing this and Chris will put the survey on WPN letterhead and send it out to the candidates.

Treasurer’s Report – Suzie Rodriguez

- Balance in checking as of 8/31/2006 was \$6,003.66. Seventy-five dollars in membership dues was deposited in August.
- The major expense this past summer was \$958.40 to the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point to host the networking reception at the Prevention Conference on July 18th.

Member Updates

- Pamela Radcliffe - Consortium for Substance Abuse Prevention in Eau Claire County
 - The Consortium received a Wisconsin Partnership Grant to continue their efforts to reduce underage drinking.
 - The Consortium will also be participating in a CAPT pilot training for coalitions.
 - The Consortium has partnered with UWEC to make community leaders aware of the drinking culture around campus through “Bar Walks” and “Neighborhood Walks”.
 - Eau Claire is starting to see a reduction in underage drinking rates.
- Suzie Rodriguez – Parents Plus of Wisconsin
 - Parents Plus is waiting to hear on two federal grants.
 - Parents Plus Inc. is Wisconsin's Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC) funded through a United States Department of Education grant. The mission of Parents Plus, Inc. is to support the development of positive parenting skills and to increase parental involvement in Wisconsin schools for the purpose of improving student achievement: To assist parents in understanding Wisconsin State Accountability and Assessment System and the opportunities afforded regarding public choice and supplemental educational services; To assist Schools Identified for Improvement in developing effective parent involvement policies, practices, programs and activities to lead to student achievements in Wisconsin; To expand and strengthen early childhood Parents as Teachers programs in Wisconsin, focusing on parent involvement and school readiness.
 - Visit the Parents Plus website at www.parentspluswi.org.

Recognition

- Kathy Wolf asked that it be reflected in the minutes her appreciation for the work Chris Wardlow has done in helping resurrect WPN. Chris expressed appreciation for the kind words.

Upcoming WPN Teleconferences

- October 18, Public Policy Committee, 9:00-10:00am
- November 15, WPN Teleconference, 9:30-11:00am

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