



Countywide Partnership for Youth, Steering Committee Meeting 11/13/09

Randee Long (Girl Scouts), Sue Routson (Peer Information Center for Teens), Scot Quintel (United Way), Joe Backmeyer (Nettlecreek Schools), Jim Hair (Richmond Art Works), Bruce Daggy (Boys and Girls Clubs), Beth Harrick (Girls Inc.), Maureen Santillo (JACY House), Debbie York (Safe Schools/Healthy Students), Peg Terrell (Ivy Tech), Jodi Johnson (Western Wayne Schools), Darla Randall (Birth to Five), Jean Cates (Partnership for a Drug Free Wayne County), Mary Jo Ward (Youth As Resources), Vivian Ashmawi (Communities In Schools), Dave Fulton, and Catherine Ann McConaughay (Richmond Community Schools).

Minutes were approved as presented.

Financial report. Scot provided a written financial report. There was no income in October, besides interest. Receivables growing, should receive income during November and December. Expenses include Convener fees and Impact Grant payables. David added that Indiana University East and Ivy Tech have re-committed their financial support; Earlham has made their first ever commitment to CPY. Scot added that there are commitments from Centerstone, PCCU, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Finally, a grant application to Reid Hospital for Social Responsibility Grant has been submitted.

Capacity Building Committee Report. Darla provided an update on the group's activities which mainly include planning for today's training session. Darla invited anyone interested to attend the upcoming meeting on December 9 at 3pm at the Early Learning Center in Richmond.

Data and Evaluation Committee Report. Beth provided an update on the committee's work over the last two months, primarily focusing on sharing information to ensure the newly hybridized committee has an appropriate big picture understanding of all the elements included in CPY and SPF~SIG. Jean reported on SPF~SIG, giving the history of the grant and related activities. Bruce gave an update on the Impact Grant process, connecting youth programs to school academic success indicators through three pilot sites (Communities In Schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Inc.) in collaboration with Richmond Community Schools. Jim is working to create an interface and communication between merchants and the broader community. His hope is to continue the kind of synergy that occurred during the Fall Festivals.

External Communications/Website Committee Report. Vivian gave a report on the committee's work. Additional materials have been created, and these were passed around the room. The website continues to progress, and at this point there has been training on updating and adding materials; Misty Hollis and Debbie York have received training and will be making updates to the website. Vivian stressed that these materials are still in their draft forms; feedback is appreciated. David
Communications audit report

Sustainability Committee Report. Scot provided a report. There was a meeting regarding progress on the Impact Grant funded through the Wayne County Foundation. Replication of the sites will occur after the demonstration sites have been sufficiently tested. Discussion on the CAPE grant has also taken place, with a focus on the endowment from CAPE and sustainability for those projects. Joe remarked that they've seen some incredible benefits from their aspect of the literacy component through the CAPE grant; they want to continue this work though funding will be tight.

Safe Schools/Health Students Report. Debbie distributed a written report and verbally reported some highlights. Transportation dollars have been transferred to fund the Parent Security Program (\$8,000). Misty is still fostering the relationship with Wayne County Probation and RHS. Finally, Misty has been working very closely with the evaluator, working through challenges.

Darla shared that SS/HS has reduced Birth To Five's waiting list. Sue shared the critical role SS/HS is playing both in PICT's program expansion and also with DIPLOMAS during a state funding crunch period. Beth reported SS/HS has enabled Allies In Action expansion into elementary schools; additionally SS/HS funding will be vital during a loss of funding from the state for Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy. Mary Jo reported YAR is still working to get into the schools. Vivian reported CIS just had their Annual Meeting; she distributed copies of their Annual Report.

There was significant representation from Wayne County at the Dropout Summit, including CIS staff and CPY partners. This raised the awareness of CPY and Wayne County. Vivian also reported Statewide Mentoring Campaign program, Vivian is serving on the statewide council. The focus is on relationships between students and adults, which we know makes a difference in the lives of young people. One of the initiatives is "Bring a Friend to Mentor Week" in January. The goal is to capitalize locally on the campaign to increase mentoring. Check out the website for more information at: abetterhour.org

CPY's next Quarterly Partnership meeting is on Feb. 12, 2010 from 8:30-11:30 at Boys and Girls Club Jeffers Unit, Richmond.