

Youth Policy Board / Teen Pregnancy Prevention

October 18, 2007

NQCC Office, Athol

Notes

Present: Jennifer Dube, Mary Lunny, Kathleen Hardie, Rebecca Bialieki, Kelly Noonan, Danna Boughton, Kat Allen, Joyce Fulmer, Madeleine Gorman, Melissa Terry, Molly Brennan, Rick Kwiatkowski, Davette Young (recorder)

Regrets: Cliff Daniels

I. Introductions & Updates (*Jennifer*)

- "Take Back the Night" at Butterfield from 10 – 2 PM, rally on 10-20-07
 - "White Ribbon Campaign" anti-violence event – contact Strong Oak
Community Coalition for Teens: (Kat, Joyce)
 - Resource Library has undergone major overhaul with the summer hiring of a professional librarian. Up to date materials have replaced old info, big cleaning out and labeling of different issues makes for a very inviting, informative resource place. An open house is tentatively set for early November.
 - Annual Youth Conference still in need of confirmed location. Most promising is at Mahar with a May date (moved from usual April).
 - Teen Health Survey in the third year rotation meaning the questions are designed by own group. Any suggestions/questions are welcomed and will be taken to Regional School Health group for final compilation. Please contact Jeanette Voas at CCT who is the facilitator for the RSHTF.
 - October 25 is the regional meeting for DPH in Holyoke from 3 – 6 PM at HCC. Joyce will be going and encourages anyone else wanting to go.
 - Joyce made a brief report from the conversation with Cliff in regards to Turners Falls and their participation in the Youth Violence Prevention program. Along with that, a reminder that P21 grant is in round 2 phase of the support application.
 - Limited copies of the newly created TPP Resource Capacity providers' info can be found at the Orange CCT office and in Greenfield. Some were distributed here.
 - DPH Youth Conference Summit is now scheduled for Dec. 8th. Joyce is planning on attending and has created an interactive display with info on youth initiatives. November 30th is the deadline for any other materials, displays that people would like to have included.
- GAAAFSN (Mary)
- Annual meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2nd. Community, police anyone familiar with special needs are invited
- Healthy Connections (Danna)
- noticed big "run" on pregnancy tests in August particularly; asked if anyone else had that same thing?
- Dial Self RISE Athol (Kelly)
- in process of home schooled needs assessments for Middle School programs; more volunteers needed for interviews. Creating referral service to assist people where they can go.
- NELCWIT (Madeleine)
- Take Back the Night slated for Saturday, in Orange; November 7 in Greenfield.

II. Presentation

Mentoring Grant – *Kat Allen*

A brief history was given on the Drug Free Community Prevention Grant to re-familiarize folks on the details and where it stands now. Gill/Montague Schools have been hosting this Teen Substance Abuse Prevention program with CCT serving as its "mentor". They are in the second year and can no longer be under CCT according to the specific guides of the grant. CCT is now searching for a new coalition to mentor in a different location. Kat introduced the idea to this group again (it was among the first to show interest when it was first brought forward) in the hopes

that it would be appropriate and ready this time to participate since establishing a more cohesive group. *Other points made:*

- creating a needs assessment; getting right people involved
- identify # of different strategies for this area = focus on violence prevention piece
- would be strategic planning process = risk/protective factors
- could include parental education = anti-social behaviors identifications
- stressed that this not only a substance abuse specific grant but could dovetail with other workgroups (spoke of present CTC workgroups and all the work that has been done in those meetings)

There is no RFR out yet. In fact, Kat reported that there is plenty of time to strategize and prepare as she expects to receive it in March and hopes to have respondents on board. Other coalitions suggested to approach possibly including Safe Neighborhood (Orange), YPP/TPP as “host” working with SNI and other agencies in NQ – making it region wide – or adjusting to become NQ wide.

Group feedback:

- Very receptive. Feels better prepared and ready as a cohesive group to apply
- With Youth Serve Organization in place along with Safe Neighborhood active group, confident that there is a strong representation across different sectors
- Involving municipalities would require them fully understanding details therefore it was recommended to have clear presentations be made to any potential interested group.
- Safe Neighborhood could apply with this group as one component together with police to be a part of the application > would highly enhance our ability to participate.

Challenging Piece:

- With regional wide application, need to identify a school system (not age specific but success at G/M geared toward the Middle School besides it being most effective at that age)
- Could be directed for all Middle Schools.
- Planning piece needs to look at NQ as a whole with perhaps YPP/TPP regarded as “lead” component

Finer Details:

- Timeline: March 31st anticipated
- \$75,000/year for 2 years \$100,000 / 5 years renewable \$125,000 included possible
- G/M was able to hire a ½ time person with limited CCT staff time – variation could apply here
- Planning grant not implementation but can apply to other appropriate grants application
- Decision on what/how group(s) would best fit to be part of mentoring program
- January 18th full CTC meeting, 11-1PM at BFMC, Greenfield with lunch; anyone welcome to come

III. Other Business/ Suggested Meeting Topics

- 1) P21 new information available
- 2) Parents Matter – a science based educational curriculum
- 3) YPP - Parent/Child Connectiveness – protective factor “super” = created 8 strategies lessons (*very interested in a presentation*)
- 4) DA’s Office secured additional funding for housing piece (awarded); restructuring steps happening
- 5) Juvenile Probation = through diversion program/ Parenting Wisely

IV. Closing / Next Meeting

NEXT MEETING: November 15 9:00 – 11:00 AM North Quabbin Community Coalition Office

