

MARCH 25, 2002 MINUTES

In attendance: Ken Ramminger; Pat Bero; Roger Williams; Sue Allen; Chris Wardlow; Ron Biendsel; Jeff Percy; Maria Kolda; Kris Christain; Karen Knudson; Sue Werley.

WPN BUSINESS

I. Approval of January 28, 2002 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Sue Werley

Seconded: Pat Bero

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion Carried

II. Report on March 6, 2002 - Sue Allen

A. Membership Meeting

1. Sue reported that a meeting of WPN's Lifetime members was held via teleconference on March 6th. The purpose was to elect a new board.

a.) New WPN Interim Board: Roger Williams, Chair; Sue Allen, Treasurer; Jackie Schoening, Secretary.

2. Sue will send minutes to WPN Listserv

B. Interim Board

1. Met immediately following the membership meeting on 3/6 and revised bylaws.

2. Sue will send minutes to WPN Listserv

C. Revised Bylaws

1. Sue will send minutes to WPN Listserv

D. Membership

1. Individual Membership

a.) Two Year - \$25

b.) Lifetime - \$150

2. Agency/Organization Membership

a.) Two Year - \$80

b.) Lifetime - \$400

c.) Includes 3 votes & 3 Newsletters.

E. Recruitment

1. It was suggested that a mass mailing go out later this spring updating people about WPN, Reorganization, New Directions, & Website.

a.) Should include a membership application.

b.) Maybe it takes the form of a newsletter.

UPDATES

I. Wisconsin Certification Board - Jeff Percy

A. ICRC Update

1. Eloiza Altoro-Acevedo is on ICRC - the national board that oversees testing for Prevention Certification. The ICRC is beginning to work with the National Prevention Network.

B. WCB & WPN

1. Bette Wahl's term as WPN Representative on the WCB has expired.
2. Chris Wardlow expressed interest in the position.

Motion: Sue Allen to have Chris Wardlow be WPN Representative on WCB.

Seconded: Ron Biendsel

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried unanimously (Jeff Percy and Chris Wardlow abstained from vote).

3. WCB Annual Planning Retreat is April 18, 19, 20. Chris will attend all day on the 19th.

C. State AODA Block Grant

1. Wisconsin stands to lose \$10 million in AODA funds from SAMSHA because of a failure to comply with the Synar amendment which came into being to reduce the number of successful illegal tobacco purchases by minors to no more than 20% in each state.

The amendment came into existence in 1992, when Congress enacted the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act. That act included the amendment, which requires states to enact and enforce the laws prohibiting any manufacturer, retailer, or distributor from selling or distributing tobacco products to people under the age of 18.

The Synar amendment requires each state to conduct annual random, unannounced inspections of a sample of tobacco vendors. The purpose of the inspections is to assess their compliance with state law. A non-compliant state may lose up to 40% of its federal block grant funds for substance abuse treatment and prevention. These Synar Sample Studies are reported to the block grant the year after the surveys are completed.

2. Jeff is working to draft a letter to Tommy Thompson to hold the state harmless and show that there has been a good faith effort. Federal Block Grants run from October 1 to September 30th.

3. Most current WCB Newsletter INK has a detailed explanation of this:

<[HTTP://wisconsinrecertificationboard.org/ink_index.htm](http://wisconsinrecertificationboard.org/ink_index.htm)>

Jeff will forward more information via the WPN Listserv.

II. Parents Plus - Sue Werley

A. Federal Funding Update

1. President Bush is withholding funds allocated through ECA to state Parent Information & Resource Centers. Parents Plus, designated as Wisconsin's PI&RC, receives \$750,000 annually. Sue will not know the fate of these funds until possibly September. These dollars are used to fund several Parents As Teachers sites throughout the state. Parents as Teachers (PAT) is a national award-winning non-profit parent education and family support organization. Through a network of local programs, the Parents as Teachers National Center develops curriculum, trains, and certifies parent educators to work with parents to provide them with parenting support and information on their developing child. The program's core components consist of personal visits, group meetings, developmental screenings and linkages to a network of community resources.

2. Sue will post a Call-to-Action on the WPN Listserv as soon as she's clear on what needs to be done in terms of advocacy.

III. Early Years Home Visitation Outcomes - Sue Werley

A. Background of Initiative

1. An initiative is underway to universalize home visitation outcomes as a way of strengthening the field professionally. These outcomes will focus on school readiness, reducing child abuse and neglect, and health.

IV. Right From The Start - Sue Werley & Ken Ramminger

A. Prevention

1. Ken will be attending a workshop on science-based prevention. He will share information from the workshop with Chris to disseminate to WPN.

B. The Family Policy Board

1. Representative Kestell continues to be enthusiastic.

2. Jack Westman and Rep. Kestell have drafted a timetable for introducing a Family Policy Board Bill:

First: Prepare revision of draft bill by April 15

- Circulate in Assembly and Senate
- Canvass organizations for endorsements

Second: Obtain feedback from counties (communities) by September 1

- Dane County - April 17
- Sheboygan County - May
- Portage County - April
- Marathon County
- Wisconsin Counties Association
- Others to be determined

Third: Introduce county resolutions supporting Family Policy Board concept

Fourth: Assembly and Senate bills finalized by December 1

Fifth: Key Representatives and Senators canvassed by Representative Kestell and Senator Moen Press release

Sixth: Bill introduced on opening of January 2003 session

Seventh: Senate Health, Utilities, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee and Assembly Children and Families Committee Hearings

3. Chris Wardlow will send WPN members who have attended any one of the last 3 WPN meetings a copy of the most recent draft of Building Brighter Futures: A Plan to Strengthen Wisconsin Families and the draft of the bill to form a Family Policy Board.

C. Candidate Forums

1. First forum will be May 3rd in the UW Fox Valley Theater at 11:30 am.

2. Second forum will be May 17th at Hillside Family Resource Center in Milwaukee at 11:00 am.

3. WPN members will receive a flier via WPN Listserv. All are encouraged to make copies and distribute as well as forward via other Listserv.

4. Will WPN sponsor?

Motion to sponsor: Sue Allen

Seconded: Sue Werley

Discussion:

Vote: Unanimous to sponsor RFTS Forums.

5. More background information will be sent to WPN Listserv when flier is sent out.

V. Younger Americans Act - Sue Allen

A. Status

1. Not dead yet. Supporters are still trying to keep attention on it.

2. Sue will continue to forward information and updates to WPN Listserv.

B. WPN's Role

1. Endorse YAA at the Wisconsin Alliance for Youth Conference, October 28 & 29 at the Kalahari Resort in

Wisconsin Dells.

a.) Sue Allen will check on possibilities.

WORKGROUP UPDATES

I. Technology and Communication - Sue Allen

A. WPN Website

1. Suzi Levendusky conducted survey to see what members wanted.

2. Kris Christain has changed the black background to yellow and will continue to do minor things to bring the site up-to-date. However, WPN will need to find a volunteer, maybe students, to do ongoing maintenance and updates.

a.) Ron, Sue Allen, and Kris will figure this out.

3. Funds for updating website:

Motion: Ron Biendsel motioned that \$500 be allocated to workgroup to start updating website.

Seconded: Ken Ramminger

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion unanimously carried.

II. Concept Paper - Roger Williams

A. Best Practices & Cost Effectiveness

1. Kathy Wolf is assisting in identifying best practices and data to support cost effectiveness.

2. Jeff Percy suggested that the workgroup look at the role delineation study of AODA service providers that was conducted in Wisconsin with support from WPN. This might have information that will help.

a.) Jeff will bring information to May meeting.

b.) He will get that information to Roger before May meeting.

III. Conference & Training Workgroup - Chris Wardlow

A. Meeting

1. Unable to meet yet.

2. Will meet prior to May WPN Meeting.

3. Will use report from 1997 Prevention Education & Training Task Force as starting point.

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