

I. BUSINESS

1. Agenda items for 10/14/02

- a.) Update on Prevention "White Papers"
- b.) Update on using white papers to educate local and state elected officials.
- c.) Update on the "Building Brighter Futures" initiative and Right From The Start's consideration of contracting with Grassroots Solutions.
- d.) Update on Prevention Training, Education, and Networking Task Group.
- e.) WPN Membership recruitment process
- f.) Other business

B. Financial Report - Sue Allen

1. Balance in checking = \$10,513
2. CD = \$16,000

II. CONFERENCES / TRAINING

A. Upcoming

1. Alliance for Wisconsin Youth Conference

- a.) Dates: October 28 & 29
- b.) Location: Kahalari Resort in Wisconsin Dells
- c.) Registration: \$60 early registration (before Oct. 14th)

2. MHA-Milwaukee Co. Prevention/Early Intervention Workshop

- a.) Title: Creating Environments that Foster Mental Health:
 - b.) Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2002
 - c.) Time: 9:00 - 4:00
 - d.) Location: Best Western Midway Hotel, Appleton, Wisconsin
 - e.) Registration Fee: \$35 per person (includes refreshment and lunch)
 - f.) for more information: (414) 276-3122 or (877) 642-4630
 - g.) Registration deadline: November 15, 2002
- www.mhamilw.org/prevention/peitrainingreg.htm

III. MEMBER UPDATES

A. MHA Milwaukee County - Shel Gross

1. Wisconsin Summit on Early Childhood Mental Health - Therese Ahlers of the Wisconsin Initiative for Infant Mental Health has invited WPN to send a representative to participate. in the following:

- a.) Date: October 1st and 2nd
 - b.) Location: Bishop O'Connor Center, Madison,
 - c.) Purpose: to develop an action plan to address early childhood mental health needs in Wisconsin
 - d.) Intended Audience: State Policy Makers, Academicians, Clinicians, Advocates, Early Childhood Educators, Childcare Providers and Parents.
- #### 2. MHA is conducting campaign to reduce stigma surrounding mental illness
- a.) media blitz
 - b.) copies of "Beautiful Mind" purchased and donated to public libraries throughout the state.

B. Dane County - Ron Biendseil

1. Dane County looking to become involved with America's Promise and starting a Promise Station which is an e-group for youth.

C. Wisconsin Certification Board - Chris Wardlow

1. Energies currently being focussed on Act 80 to insure that any human service professional wishing to provide chemical abuse counseling & treatment services is certified.

D. Right From The Start - Ken Ramminger & Ron B.

1. RFTS is considering contracting with Grassroots Solutions, Inc., to develop a grassroots organizing plan around

garnering community-level support for "Building Brighter Futures" and the formation of a family policy board. WPN's Position: Still want to learn more of the details about "Building Brighter Futures" and the function of a family policy board, but developing a grassroots organizing plan sounds like a great idea if this is, in fact, a grassroots issue that has real potential for community empowerment.

2. RFTS would like to know if this is an initiative WPN will help support financially?

WPN's Position: WPN will definitely consider providing some financial support toward this effort. Its only concern is that the outcome "Building Brighter Futures" and the formation of a family policy board is not simply a reorganization of bureaucracies. As was mentioned above, WPN would be very interested in supporting an initiative that has real potential for community empowerment and systematic change.

3. If RFTS pursues grant funding to help pay for Grassroots Solutions, would WPN consider serving as the fiscal agent?

WPN's Position: Very hesitant. WPN understands RFTS' need for a non-profit fiscal agent, but is very hesitant to be that entity because:

- WPN relies solely on volunteers to manage all of its administrative functions;
- is not clear what new responsibilities and additional time commitment this may impose on these volunteers.

While WPN is not ruling out the possibility, several members suggested that a better fiscal agent might be an agency like MHA Milwaukee Co. or WI PYD who have paid staff to help administer such a grant.

It was also proposed that, whoever fiscal agent is, RFTS build into its contract with Grassroots Solutions that they (GS) produce whatever reports and deliverables are required by the funder (i.e., Otto Bremmer).

IV. WORKGROUP REPORTS

A. Technology

1. Website is up and functioning: <http://danenet.danenet.org/wpn/>
2. Will need to figure out how to manage it once the contract has expired with Kris Christain.
 - a.) Chris Wardlow will help manage it.

B. Education & Training

1. Ron suggested that DWD White Paper on poverty might be a relevant theme for a Prevention Summit.
2. WCB has offered to help manage mailings and registration for the Prevention Summit when the time comes.

C. White Paper

1. Work on White Paper has been put on hold while Kathi Wolf is on medical leave.

D. Policy

- 1.) Regarding WPN endorsing a gubernatorial candidate, or any candidate for public office in the future: It was unanimously decided that WPN's role in this arena should not be one of making formal endorsements of candidates, but instead to educate WPN members, and the public, of the candidates' position on issues directly relevant to our mission - ". . . working together to assure human and financial resources for prevention and wellness."

A. 1,000 Voices for Prevention! JOIN! JOIN! JOIN! Become a WPN member today! Visit the WPN website at <http://danenet.danenet.org/wpn/>, print off a membership application, fill it out, write a check, and mail it in. It's that easy!