

**Wisconsin Prevention Network
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2004**

Participating via teleconference: Shel Gross, Betty Wahl, Karen Knudson, Kathy Kochs, Sue Allen, Ron Biendsiel, Ken Ramminger, Roger Williams

Sue moved, Karen seconded approval of minutes from previous meeting. Unanimous approval.

Financial Report: We currently have \$9,940.68 in our checking account; \$6,047.01 in our CD. We paid the webmaster \$525. Changes were made so that Karen will now sign checks. Books have not been switched yet. Sue will continue to keep accounts, but Karen will review them.

Public Policy: Shel moved and Betty seconded the creation of a public policy committee. Motion approved. Shel will chair. Ken, Chris and Ron will participate.

Family Policy Board: Proponents met with the Governor, who said he supported the idea and would talk with his cabinet Secretaries about it. He suggested he might say something in the State of the State address.

Governor's Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect: The Children's Trust Fund is coordinating a summit scheduled for April 29-30. This is a 'by invitation only' event. Ron is part of the planning group. Participants identified groups they thought should be represented in the summit.

State Incentive Grant: Updates on SIG: Gabe Heck with Alliance for Wisconsin Youth is the lead staff person on the prevention position for SIG; Wendy McCarty and Holly Tolfer are heading this up for Brighter Future Initiative. February SIG meeting was cancelled and the first draft of the plan was discarded. The new administration wants their people involved.

Alliance for Wisconsin Youth: There was a membership meeting last week. A member services package is coming out soon. Sue will forward to WPN. AWY will announce a grant soon for one member coalition to do evidence-based programming for youth (\$144,000). The name of the grant fund is Safe and Drug Free Communities.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Conversion Funds: Draft RFPs are available and meetings are scheduled around the state to discuss the process that will be implemented this year for awarding grants. Grants are for community health improvement programs consistent with the state public health objectives. Information will be forwarded via listserve.

Clearinghouse Conference: The Clearinghouse scored well on their conference grant but don't know if they will be funded. However, they are locked in for the first week in August. Planning will not begin until their new person starts.

Website: Shel moved and Ron seconded that we try the new website for one year. Unanimous vote.

Member Services Report: No report available at this time.

Odds and Ends: There will be a children's mental health summit in Eau Claire on May 5.

Ken would like feedback on "Hardwired to Connect". He will forward information to the listserve.

It was agreed that the next meeting should be face-to-face in Portage.