

WPN Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 17, 2004
Divine Savior Health Care in Portage, Wisconsin

In attendance: Shel Gross, Susan Rodriguez, Ken Ramminger, Karen Knudson, Sue Allen, Chris Wardlow

Notified of being unable to attend: Ron Biendseil, Kathi Kocs

I. WPN Business -

1. Treasurer's report - Karen Knudson and Sue Allen

a.) Checking balance = \$10,015.68

b.) CD = \$6,047.01

2. Membership Services Committee - Sue Allen

a.) Sue is researching grants. Has found many possibilities but will narrow them down to a few that WPN would stand the best chance of receiving.

b.) Chris Wardlow will work on two letters; One will be to encourage current members to renew their membership, and the second will be to past members who are on the WPN Listserv to urge them to join the organization. Both letters will highlight accomplishments since recent re-emergence of WPN as a non-staffed, volunteer organization.

c.) Sue will work with the webmaster to have our old website automatically forward visitors to the new site which is at <<http://www.wisprevnet.org/>>.

3. Public Policy - Shel Gross

a.) Ken Ramminger recommended that WPN discuss whether it should take a public stance on from a primary prevention perspective of the following current issues:

- The federal report on Wisconsin's Child Welfare System;
- The doubling in the state's prison population which is more than 2 times that of Minnesota;
- Community Learning Centers
- The need of inmates to access SSI/MH benefits in a timely fashion upon release from prison.

The Public Policy Committee will discuss these issues at its next meeting.

b.) Shel will also organize a teleconference to discuss what kind of input WPN would want to have on the Governor's Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention. Attendance at the summit is by invitation. Ron Biendseil and Shel Gross will be attending. The hope is to get 150 of the key stakeholders in this area around a table to produce a report of recommendations for policy and to begin developing a state children's agenda. Organizations like WPN are welcome to view the webcasts of some of the key sessions. WPN can also distribute written materials promoting the organization at the summit. Is there interest in having WPN promote itself at the summit and/or assist in organizing these webcasts?

II. Updates -

1. WI Clearinghouse's Prevention Conference - August 10-12 at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids

a.) Shel made a motion for WPN to make available up to \$1,000 for scholarships for WPN members to attend the conference. The motion was seconded by Sue Allen and passed unanimously. The information on how to apply for the scholarships will be sent to the WPN

Listserv once the details are worked out with the Clearinghouse. The information will also be posted on the WPN website.

2. State Incentive Grant

- a.) Susan Crowley has been appointed as the co-chair of the SIG Advisory Committee.
- b.) Shel will contact Ms. Crowley to set up a meeting to see how WPN can be of assistance to the committee as it develops the statewide prevention plan. Sue Allen, Susan Rodriguez, Shel Gross and Nancy Miller will participate in the meeting if their schedules permit.

3. CADCA/SAMHSA

- a.) Sue Allen shared that as a result of the recent CADCA conference, SAMHSA will be expanding its menu of strategies that communities can use to assess needs and develop plans. Currently the Communities That Care framework is the one used to guide RFP's. The menu will expand to six and will include Search's Asset Framework. Sue will keep us posted as she learns more.

4. Wisconsin Certification Board - Chris Wardlow

- a.) WCB will be conducting a survey of past, present, and potential members to find out how much they value certification, why they do or do not think certification is important, and if it is important, what are the barriers to attaining or maintaining it. Chris asked if WPN would be willing to partner and share the cost in administering the survey.
- b.) It was agreed that WPN would be interested in possibly helping survey non-certified prevention professionals.
- c.) Chris asked that at the May meeting, WPN discuss its position on prevention certification and its value of having a representative on the Wisconsin Certification Board.

III. Discussion -

- 1. Reactions to the document "Hard-Wired to Connect" (a copy of the summary of this report can be downloaded at <http://www.ymca.net/hardwired_report/hardwired.htm>);
 - a.) This discussion was tabled until the May 19th meeting.

IV. May 19th WPN Meeting agenda

1. WPN Business

- a.) Approval of March minutes
- b.) Financial Report
- c.) Member Services Report

2. Committee Reports

- a.) Membership Taskforce
- b.) Public Policy

3. Reports/Updates

- a.) Governor's Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
- b.) Wisconsin State Incentive Grant
- c.) Right From The Start
- d.) WI Clearinghouse Conference
- e.) Wisconsin Certification Board - WPN's position on prevention certification, and its position on the future of WPN's representation on the Wisconsin Certification Board.

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