

**WISCONSIN PREVENTION NETWORK
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2004**

PRESENT

Karen Knudsen, Koller Behavioral Health
Pamela Radcliffe, Eau Claire County
Shel Gross, MHA Milwaukee Co.
Ken Ramminger, citizen, prevention advocate
Ron Biendseil, Dane Co. DHS
Chris Wardlow, Outagamie County

I. BUSINESS

WPN financial report:

1. Balance in checking = \$8807.58.
2. CD = \$6,057.68.

We paid the following this summer:

\$15 annual licensing fee
\$600 Wisconsin Clearinghouse for scholarships
\$600 Carol Roth for July 21 meeting.
\$111 Chris Wardlow for July 21 meeting costs.
\$346 Susan Rodrigues for conference scholarship

Deposits this summer:

\$25 Ken Ramminger renewal membership

II. DISCUSSION

RFTS

Ann Stueck of DHFS attended the August RFTS meeting and presented the findings from the POCAN Evaluation. The evaluation demonstrated that home visitation is effective in improving child health, parenting skills and family functioning. The key question for RFTS was how to make stakeholders and policymakers aware of the impact of this program. Due to Ann's very limited availability, it was suggested that organizations like RFTS help educate others.

It was agreed that expanding home visitation was something WPN supports and would be willing to collaborate with RFTS in promoting. Ron, Ken and Chris will suggest this at the September RFTS meeting.

WCA Visions

Shel has drafted a letter to the Wisconsin County Association Visions Steering Committee to communicate WPN's position on several key issues related to prevention.

- WPN believes that by and large prevention monies should continue to be distributed through the current funding streams.
- WPN believes that some pooling of funds is possible and that coordination of prevention initiatives across systems is critical where pooling is not possible.
- WPN is supportive of expanding BFI or in providing other incentives for the creation of broad-based, cross-system prevention coalitions in each county.
- WPN also supports the Visions goal of accountability. The steering committee should recognize the importance of promoting evidence-based prevention programming to address accountability in this area.

State Incentive Grant

Chris drafted a letter to Lou Oppor, Greg Levenick and June Paul to communicate WPN's support of the following elements of the Wisconsin State Incentive Grant: Long-Range Comprehensive Substance Abuse Prevention Draft Plan:

- State agencies and local affiliates will work together to ensure collaboration in such areas as, development, implementation and evaluation of prevention strategies and training plans.
- The prevention system will actively incorporate the voices of all stakeholders in a systematic, meaningful way in the planning, decision-making and implementation of prevention strategies. This includes youth and marginalized populations.
- Risk and protective factors will be balanced in determining the use of prevention resources. Strategies will be identified that cross the domains of community, individual, family, peer and school.

The letter also recommends that SIG programs be integrated into the Brighter Futures Initiative, as well as WPN's support for increasing the funding for Brighter Futures so that more communities will have the opportunity to use that initiative to develop a more comprehensive, integrated prevention system for children, youth and families.

Membership Issues

Discussion around issues related WPN's support and involvement in the 2005 Wisconsin Statewide Prevention Conference as well as the 2005 Adolescents and Families Conference, led to the conclusion that WPN needs to activate the Member Services Committee to begin to plan ways WPN can capitalize on its participation in these events to boost its membership. Things like hosting receptions at conferences, piggybacking membership meetings onto the statewide prevention conference, and investing in a more professional looking display and brochure would all be helpful in generating new members.

2005 Wisconsin Statewide Prevention Conference

WPN will once again support the conference.

Thoughts on 2004 conference:

- Well organized and put together;
- Appreciated model program training;
- Excellent breakout sessions.

Suggestions for 2005:

- Broaden focus beyond ATODA;
- Have WPN help facilitate dialogue with state and local stakeholders around public policy issues.

NOVEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

- Summarize the 2004 'swirl' of activity in the state around prevention (Shel with craft a summary).
- RFTS and POCAN update.
- Membership Services report
- Public Policy Committee update
- 2005 Wisconsin Statewide Prevention Conference update

FUTURE WPN MEETINGS*

November 17, 2004

January 19, 2005

March 16, 2005

May 18, 2005

July 20, 2005

September 21, 2005

November 16, 2005

January 18, 2006

*Meetings will be from 10:30 a.m. to Noon via teleconference unless notified otherwise.