

**WISCONSIN PREVENTION NETWORK
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2005**

PRESENT

Karen Knudsen, Koller Behavioral Health
Kathi Kocs – Wisconsin Clearinghouse
Sue Allen, WI Positive Youth Development
Shel Gross, MHA Milwaukee Co.
Ken Ramminger, citizen, prevention advocate
Ron Biendseil, Dane Co. DHS
Chris Wardlow, Outagamie County

I. BUSINESS

WPN financial report:

Balance in checking = \$8,504.83.

CD = \$6,113.93.

Account Activity

Deposit = \$52.77 Acuity Insurance

Deposit = \$18.62 Acuity Insurance

Payment = \$50.00 Nowicki Network

II. REPORTS

- RFTS – January and February meetings were cancelled. Nothing new to report.

- SIG Advisory Committee - Sue Allen
 - Tracy Johnson (Center for Substance Abuse’s Central Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies) reported that SAMHSA is making the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) a priority. This will require entities receiving federal funds to work through a five-stage planning/implementation process: Assessment, Capacity, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation. There will be a de-emphasis on the use of science-based programs with a push for coalitions and agencies to utilize the SPF. The emphasis will be on the broader principles spelled out in NIDA’s Preventing Drug Use among Children and Adolescents. In June/July 2005 feds will also release national outcomes that recipients of federal funds will have to target.
 - The President’s proposed budget eliminates funding for the Safe and Drug-Free Communities and Schools program. If this happens it will completely gut the state’s ATODA prevention system and all but eliminate the Clearinghouse. These are the only dollars distributed to every school district in the state for prevention. It is imperative that WPN members and their partners write Wisconsin’s congressional delegation and urge them to support maintaining federal funding for this program.

- Public Policy Committee – Shel Gross
 - Committee met with Diane Jenkins (Office of Strategic Finance at DHFS) and Jane Penner-Hoppe (Policy Initiatives Advisor at DWD for KidsFirst/NGA). Shel felt positive that there seemed to be interest in DHFS in looking for ways to build bridges between the different prevention initiatives.
 - The Public Policy Committee expressed support for the Governor’s Family Foundations initiative and expansion of Brighter Futures. While they agreed that the BF model is a good one, Diane and Jane indicated that the current budget crisis makes an expansion of BF unfeasible. When asked for some insight into the NGA projects, they explained that these initiatives were limited in their prevention scope because they were targeting W2 and CSP clients.

- Governor’s Call-to-Action workgroups – Ron Biendseil and Shel Gross

- The Call-to-Action workgroups have completed their reports. They will meet on March 18, 2005 to synthesize and set priorities.
- The Governor's budget does include some of the recommendations: Increase in respite care; Parent education targeting special needs; Child sexual abuse prevention.

- ☑ Wisconsin Prevention Conference
 - The Clearinghouse is recruiting people to help out at the conference.
 - Sarah Apple is the contact at the Clearinghouse for any questions regarding the conference.
 - Kathi will invite Sarah to participate in the May WPN meeting.
 - May WPN meeting will determine if WPN's Annual Meeting will be held at the Conference.