

**WISCONSIN PREVENTION NETWORK
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 18, 2005**

PRESENT

Kathy Wolf, Wisconsin Clearinghouse
Kathi Kocs, Wisconsin Clearinghouse
Sue Allen, WI Positive Youth Development
Ken Ramminger, citizen, prevention advocate
Chris Wardlow, Outagamie County
Ruth Lindegarde, High Expectations

I. WPN FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance in checking = \$8,501.22.

CD = \$6,113.93.

Upcoming Activity

Due = \$25.00 Nowicki Network for website maintenance

Due = \$76.00 US Postal Service for post office box rental

II. REPORTS & BUSINESS

Wisconsin Prevention Conference – Kathy Wolf and Kathi Kocs

- The larger focus of this year's Clearinghouse Conference is advocacy and policy change.
- Based on information gleaned from surveys, feedback, and key-informant interviews, the conference will also address other pressing issues like environmental strategies, brain research, and poverty.
- An evening dedicated to networking has also been included.

WPN Action

Motion made by Chris Wardlow that WPN support the 2005 Wisconsin State Prevention Conference with a check made payable to the Wisconsin Clearinghouse for \$1,000.

Motion seconded by Kathi Kocs.

Motion carried without dissent.

WPN Action

Motion made by Chris Wardlow that WPN register as an exhibitor at the 2005 Wisconsin State Prevention Conference. Registration fee will be \$100.

Motion seconded by Kathi Kocs.

Motion carried without dissent.

WPN Action

It was decided the WPN hold its annual meeting on the last day of the prevention conference, Thursday August 11, after the closing session, which concludes at 12:30 p.m.

- Kathy Wolf agreed to contact the Clearinghouse's main point person at the Hotel Mead about the use of a room and if there will be a cost.
 - Chris will work with the Mead to order a lunch buffet for WPN's paying members. May also provide lunch for anyone who attends the meeting and becomes a member.
 - The Clearinghouse will help alert people to the meeting by advertising it in conference materials.
 - Sue Allen, Kathi Kocs, and Ruth Lindegarde agreed to help plan the annual meeting. Chris will also put an all-call out to the WPN Listserv to see if others are interested in helping.
- It was also recommended that WPN highlight its advocacy efforts at its exhibit at the conference.

WPN Website – Sue Allen and Chris Wardlow

- Sue and Chris received an e-mail from Andy Nowicki of Nowicki Network indicating that the menu items "Prevention resources" and "Training" on WPN's website don't link to anything. Sue asked Kathy Wolf if we could link these directly to the Clearinghouse's website. Kathy agreed and Chris notified Andy and requested that both be linked directly to the Clearinghouse's website.

II. PUBLIC POLICY MATTERS

AB 100 regarding the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board's budget requests

- ☑ Ken reminded everyone about the e-mail Shel Gross sent to WPN urging support for the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board's budget requests in AB 100.
- Ken also reminded WPN that, according to the Children's Trust Fund, Wisconsin spends \$8.07 million to protect children from abuse and neglect and 83 times as much, \$673.3 million, to repair the damage done by abuse and neglect.

Federal Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities Program

- ☑ While Congress has communicated to President Bush that his expansion of NCLB to include high school reform measures will not be a part of the 2006 budget, the fate of the Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities Program is still unclear. Money from SDFSCP was going to be shifted into NCLB to pay for the high school reform package.
- Kathy Wolf suggested that a letter be sent on behalf of WPN to our congressional delegation to communicate the importance of these funds to prevention in Wisconsin.
- Chris will draft this letter.

Beer Tax Discussion

- ☑ Chris asked if WPN was willing to formally endorse the initiative to raise the beer tax being led by Genevieve Kirchmann and the SIG counties.
- Concern was voiced that there are at least four separate initiatives working toward raising the beer tax and there doesn't seem to be any collaboration between them.
- It was suggested that perhaps WPN could work to bring the four together for a meeting to facilitate a dialogue that might lead to some kind of systematic, unified effort. The four are Genevieve Kirchman's & SIG, MADD Wisconsin, WAAODA, and the Alliance for Mentally Ill.
- Ken recommended that this be an agenda item for the next WPN Public Policy Committee meeting on June 15th.
- The Public Policy Committee will report back to the whole group at the July 20th WPN meeting.

Next WPN Public Policy Teleconference

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

10:30-11:30 am

Next WPN Teleconference

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

8:30 – 10:00 am