

Wisconsin Prevention Network
Annual Meeting
August 11, 2005
1:00 – 3:00 PM
Wisconsin Rapids – Hotel Mead

Minutes

Members Present: Gabrielle Ratte Smith, Sue Allen, Sadie Pearson, Ken Ramminger, Ronda Kopelke, Bette Wahl, Gail Bruss, Shel Gross, Ellen Wolf, Jill Gamez, Kathi Kocs, Linda Huinker, Genevieve Kirchman, Pet Bero, Sue Opheim, Tom Zuhlke, Karen Knudson, Lucy Gibson, Chris Wardlow

Guest Present: Ron Fintak

Chris Wardlow, WPN President, welcomed everyone. He noted the great conference we all just participated in, and that it is a good time to hold this meeting to connect to that energy. Chris passed out mugs with the WPN logo and slogan “1000 Voices for Prevention.” Chris mentioned that this slogan is a good goal to guide the renewed WPN.

Chris reviewed the agenda. Chris noted that he did not have the meeting minutes from last year’s annual meeting from July 2004. Sue Allen moved to empower the Board to approve the minutes. Kathi Kocs seconded it. All approved. Sue noted that the minutes are available on the WPN website (www.wisprevnet.org), and members can review them and submit any changes to WPN.

Treasurer’s Report – Karen Knudson, Treasurer, gave two reports, one for July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 and the other between January 1, 2005 and August 1, 2005. See written reports for details. Michelle moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, and Kathi seconded them. Kathi then asked how we can raise money. This will be added to the agenda of the next meeting. Chris put the reports up for approval. They passed unanimously.

Public Policy Committee – Shel Gross distributed the 2004 Report “Into the Fray.” He reviewed the document with the group. WPN wants to be the voice for prevention and be recognized as an advocate. Sue Allen added that as a participant in the State Incentive Grant (SIG) process, they were able to include language on assets in the plan. In this year, members of the Committee met with Burnie Bridge, new Administrator of the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS). She recommended meeting with the new Administrator of the Division of Public Health, and the Committee will do that. Ken Ramminger briefed the group on the work of the Governor’s Core Group and their pilot sites for studying effective integrated services. Another positive factor is the “swirl”—the variety of activities that have been happening around prevention. WPN has facilitated people in prevention meeting each other to connect different parts of the “swirl.” Ken mentioned the Healthy WI 2010 Public Health Plan and that it needs to be connected to the rest of prevention. Ken also encouraged Shel to follow up on the news release from Dane County where a coalition led by the United Way is aiming to reduce the number of homeless children in Madison by 50%, from 900 to 450. Kathi Kocs shared a personal story about being a homeowner and that the City of Madison has not been helpful to her as someone who rents to the previously homeless.

Chris thanked both Ken and Shel.

Chris turned the meeting over to Sue Allen to speak about the Listserv and website. Members should be automatically added to the Listserv. If not, contact Ron Biendseil. www.wisprevnet.org is the WPN website. Sue noted the newly completed Prevention White Papers that highlight best practices in

prevention. They are posted on the website. Bette Wahl suggested posting the handouts from this meeting to the website.

Chris then turned the discussion to where WPN is going in the coming year. He referenced Ken's comments for potential activity. Sue Opheim facilitated the conversation. Bette commended the members who have been active and that the current members should look at continuing the work that has been ongoing.

Sue Allen offered a process strategy to gather information from everyone more quickly. The group broke into three groups to gather ideas for direction for WPN. Each group brainstormed their ideas for projects, issues in the coming year. After these were presented the individuals present at the meeting had an opportunity to vote for their priority items. The list of issues and the number of votes they each received were as follows:

WPN – Brainstorm of Issues to Focus on in 2005/06

- Support continued funding (competitive or non-competitive) of WI Prevention Clearinghouse (9)
- Establish connections with WPHA, WCCF, PHLA and other related advocacy groups (9)
- Increase Beer Excise Tax (8)
 - To increase funding for coalitions
 - To increase or improve funding for infrastructure
- Establish availability of Cost of Alcohol Abuse to the State (5)
 - Dennis Embry = “Billy” vs. intervention/prevention – low/no-cost strategies
 - Be sure to lobby the public as well as legislators
- Find better ways to keep rural communities apprised of state level changes and opportunities (5)
- Success stories on website – info about state changes and opportunities on website (5)
- Sponsor training on advocacy skills / lobbying (3)
- Conference ideas on website (3)
- Focus on suicide prevention (1)
- Advocate for a stronger infra-structure for Prevention (1)
- SIG involvement (1)
 - What happens to plan?
 - Where does the state advisory committee end up?
- Involved with NOMS process by grassroots people (0)
- TABOR – Families with challenges – How can we help (0)
- Key People in Elected Office and Staff - Housing subsidies need to be targeted to where they're most effective - with landlords who want to help (0)
- Support youth leadership training partnership – style without competitive nature (0)
- Advocate for more community coalition under BFI and/r SIG model (0)
- Advocate in Milwaukee Co with Prevention Advocates (0)
 - Black admission rate to prison
 - 80% + homicide in general
 - 59% black unemployment
- Develop an expanded communication links to prevention people (members and non-members) (0)
- Public forum in each county on what the 20% of AODA Block grant is used for (0)
- Increase personnel in Madison so money can be well-spent and managed (0)
- Produce an info sheet on prevention grants within the state and state budget dollars (0)
 - Be a conduit of information from state to local communities

Gabrielle recommended a membership campaign. This will be added to the next agenda. Shel noted that several of the individual ideas are linked. Ex. Push beer tax as potential source of funding. Gabrielle moved to have the Public Policy Committee write a letter of support for the work of the Wisconsin Clearinghouse to Secretary Nelson of DHFS. Bette Wahl seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. Ronda volunteered to help craft the letter. The group continued to discuss the beer tax, in the context of WPN's limited resources and how to focus our energies in the coming year.

Election of Officers – Sue explained the terms of each officer and opened the floor for the Chair.

Ronda nominated Chris Wardlow to another term as chair, Ken Ramminger seconded. There were not additional nominations. Tom moved to close nominations and elect Chris by unanimous consent. Shel seconded it. Motion unanimously passed.

Sue nominated Jill Gamez as WPN Secretary (Gabrielle will back up Jill while she is on maternity leave). [We do not have nominations and seconds listed here]

Tom moved that Gabrielle be nominated for Chair-Elect. Ronda seconded the nomination. Nominations were closed. Motion unanimously passed.

Karen will continue to serve as the Treasurer, which is a two-year term.

The next meeting is via teleconference on September 21 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Chris thanked everyone for attending and encouraged them to participate. Sue asked the group to thank Chris and Shel for their leadership with a round of applause.

Gabrielle moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gabrielle Ratte Smith.

WISCONSIN PREVENTION NETWORK

*Annual Financial Report
July 1, 2004 – June 31, 2005*

Beginning Checking Account Balance as of July 1, 2004 **\$10,344.68**

Revenues

Memberships.....	\$285.00
Other income.....	71.39
TOTAL	\$356.39

Expenses

WPN meetings (supplies/refreshments).....	\$ 111.10
Special Membership Meeting (facilitator).....	600.00
State Prevention Conference (2004):	
Support.....	500.00
Scholarship.....	346.00
Exhibitor fee.....	100.00
Webmaster.....	595.25
Post Office Box rental.....	76.00
Dept. Regs & Licensing fee.....	15.00
TOTAL	\$2343.35

Ending Checking Account Balance as of July 1, 2005 **\$8357.72**

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*6 month Certificate of Deposit – Waukesha State Bank
3 months interest last term of
Certificate Balance as of*

WISCONSIN PREVENTION NETWORK

*Treasurer's Report
January 1, 2005 – August 1, 2005*

Beginning Checking Account Balance as of January 1, 2004 \$8768.98

Revenues

Memberships.....	\$215.00
Other income.....	71.39
TOTAL	\$286.39

Expenses

Webmaster.....	584.15
Post office box rental.....	76.00
Dept. Regs & Licensing fee.....	15.00
State Prevention Conference (2005):	
Conference support (WCH).....	1000.00
Exhibitor fee.....	100.00
TOTAL	1775.15

Ending Checking Account Balance as of August 1, 2005 \$7280.22

6 month Certificate of Deposit – Waukesha State Bank
(Earned interest so far in 2005 of \$78.10)
Certificate balance as of 7/25/05 = **\$6,176.07**

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Knudson
Treasurer