



Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2010

I. OPENING

The monthly meeting of the Make A Promise Coalition was called to order at noon by Chairperson Mary Ruth Galtney on January 14, 2010 at the Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service Administration Building.

Members present were Mary R. Galtney, Nicole McGarrity, Lane Campbell, Ricky Smith, LaSandra Davis, Kay Lee, Leigh Cook, Maryam Husband, Rick Vessell, and Johnny Reynolds.

II. AGENCY REPORTS

Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service - Nicole McGarrity reported on the teen coalition activities.

On Friday Jan 30th at 5:30pm the teens prepared and served a spaghetti supper at Keystone's Soup Kitchen located on Washington Street.

The teens will present a drug-prevention program for three 2nd classes at Beechwood. The teens have made a video to show during the presentation.

The teens will have another sticker shock event on:

- Monday, March 15 from 2pm to 4pm
- Wednesday, March 17 from 2 pm to 4pm
- Thursday, March 18 from 5:30 – 7:00

The teens would like to work with the adults to host another drive-in movie on Saturday, March 20th. They would like to have activities for young children prior to the movie. They have chosen the movie "Up".

The next teen coalition meeting will be held on March 1st at Rowdy's. He has offered to provide appetizers and drinks.

The teen coalition committee is developing a new application for membership to teen coalition. They will disburse the application through school counselors and other youth leaders.

Vicksburg Family Development

Vicksburg Family Development will host a rally at City Park on March 16 from 10 am to 2 pm. Please call Kay Lee or LaSandra Davis if you can help.

VFD is offering \$500 mini grants to agencies and youth serving groups who will host an event on underage drinking between April and August 2010. The grants are due by March 31 and all applicants must attend a training on the grant prior to apply.

VFD is sponsoring a play "Why Me?" that is being produced by Linda Sweezer. The play will be performed on May 1 at Warren Central.

Legacy

Sharonda Medina reported on the capacity building program. Please consider participating in a short online survey which will help us to determine training needs. You may take the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dfc>

A team building workshop will be held on March 2, 2010 at the Marriott Courtyard from 9:00 to 12:00. This is the first in a series of workshops that will be offered at no cost or low on topics requested by the community.

City of Vicksburg -

Dean Anderson sent in her report as she was attending a Law Enforcement Luncheon. Merchant Training will be held on February 23 at 11:00a.m. The STORM group is in Vicksburg this week for instructor training. Dean has been collaborating with the Attorney General's office on HB759 which would give judges discretion on penalties for 2nd time DUI offenses for those under 21 years of age.

3 Fold Productions -

Vickie Free was unable to attend but reported by email that they are planning a Spring Fling and she will forward details later.

VWSD - Project SYNC -

Leigh Cook, a member of the Core Management Team, reported that interviews had been conducted and a school resource officer has been hired for Warren Central High School. Applications have been received for the Early Intervention Specialist position and interviews will be conducted in a few weeks.

III. KNOW

Eric Abbott of Cre8tive Warehouse is creating a new poster that will address the harmful affects of smoking marijuana on a user's physical health. The group decided to add a marijuana leaf on the poster so that the reader could easily identify the harmful substance being targeted in the message. The next campaign will target prescription drug abuse.

IV. YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A draft of the scholarship application was given to the members for feedback. The application will be disseminated on March 1 and has an April 1 submission deadline. A committee will review the applications and select the scholarship winners.

V. TOWN HALL MEETINGS

The Town Hall Meetings are supported with \$500 in Federal funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The Behavioral Health Foundation of Central Ms, Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service, and Vicksburg Family Development pooled their resources to serve as lead organizers of the Town Hall Meeting along with other prevention agencies. The Town Hall Meeting will be held during the week of March 22. Sherrie suggested that we notify parents through the school districts auto-call system and also ask teachers to give students bonus points or extra credit for attending. Nicole suggested that the Town Hall Meeting be held at a school and target 6th graders and their parents.

VI. Drug-Free Communities Grant Renewal

The grant proposal will be due in March. The proposal marks our 6th year as a grantee and therefore we will have to apply as a new grantee.

VII. RIVERFEST

Riverfest will be held on April 16 & 17. The group has requested to have a table/booth to distribute information.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.. The next general meeting will be at 12 noon on March 10 at Warren-Yazoo Mental Health Service.

Minutes submitted by: Leigh Cook