

## **Make A Promise Coalition Minutes from 9-9-08 Meeting**

**Attendees:** Mary Galtney, Cedric Tillman, Michael Dorsey, Tracy Trichell, Officer Trina Naylor, Maryam Husband, Bath Maggio, Tammi Sims, Johnny Reynolds, Nathaniel Williams, Liesel Anderton, Dean Anderson, Officer Daniel Harris, Nicole Bilbo, Leigh Cook and Patty Mekus

**Welcome:** Leigh Cook opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Michael Dorsey led the Invocation.

**Official Notification of DFC Grant:** Leigh Cook reported that our coalition had received official notification that we would be funded for another year. She had a cake there congratulating all of the members on their hard work in keeping the momentum going and being so involved.

**Strategic Prevention Framework:** Leigh Cook showed members the Framework for Community Change and Improvement and asked their help in strengthening our goals. She discussed Assessment, Capacity, Planning, Implementation, and Evaluation of our activities, and handed our sheets showing the best processes for implementing the Strategic Prevention Framework. Leigh, then passed out a Committee Sign-Up Sheet. (See attached sheet). Coalition Members were asked to sign up under the various committees: Schools, Teen Coalition, Faith Community, and Neighborhood committees.

**Capacity Building – Teen Coalition Mentoring Program:** Beth Maggio reported that she and Mary Quinn DeRossette, President of the What Up Wit Dat? Teen Coalition, were heading up a Mentoring program for the adult and teen coalition. She and Mary Quinn had met and paired teens with an adult coalition member. She reported that the adult member would need to contact their teen, and that they should try and meet once a month. She handed out the sheets with the pairings listed on them and said she would e-mail the adult members their teens contact information and to make sure that they made contact with them.

**Implementation – Teen Coalition Activities:** Nicole Bilbo reported on the Teen Coalitions activities and their upcoming fundraisers. She noted that in their packets was a report from Victoria Mekus on the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National UDETC Leadership Conference. Nicole also reported on the teens fundraising ideas. The teens decided that they wanted to do another Nintendo Wii raffle, and have the drawing by Thanksgiving. Contacts have been made for judges for the Vicksburg's Got Talent fundraiser to be held on Saturday, Nov. 1. The Outlet Mall has given the teen permission to use their parking lot on Sunday, Dec. 7 for a Drive-In Movie. A letter is being drafted to the City Board about sponsorship and use of their Inflatable Movie Screen and Projector. The teens said they would charge \$10 a car load, whether there were 2 people or 10 people in a vehicle. Teens divided local businesses to contact about doing concessions and them working the booths and receiving a portion of the profits. The Rebelettes, a local service club, has

agreed to volunteer to help with concessions or wherever needed at the Talent Show and the Drive-In. The Outlet Mall is opening at 12:00 midnight, Thanksgiving evening. They have asked the teens to sell hot chocolate, and do a fun activity and will allow them to raise funds doing it. Nicole passed around a sign up sheet asking coalition members to help/volunteer with the activities. She reported that the teens would start filming their TV Show again and would shoot the open at their meeting on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. The teens had also taken Steroids pamphlets to the coaches at their schools. The teens stuffed boxes for the upcoming Family Night. Patty Mekus reported that she and Sheriff Pace had met with Michele Townsend and Jennifer Henry of Vicksburg Catholic schools that the school is taking strides to create awareness on the underage drinking issue that affects us all. The school will be implementing a Wellness Initiative Program and coalition members may be asked to be a part of the program by speaking and if not in that capacity, to be there and sit with the faculty and administration and show community support.

**Sustainability- Birdies for Charity** – Patty Mekus spoke about the many things that the teens and our coalition were striving to do in the community, and how certain things could not be paid for with grant funds, thus the need for additional funds to be raised as opposed to only in-kind donations. She challenged members present to donate to the Birdies for Charity program.

**September Events Calendar:** Leigh had placed the September events calendar in the coalition members packets. (see attached).

**Closing Remarks:** Johnny Reynolds made mention that the Over the River Run would be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Leigh thanked everyone for attending.

**Next Meeting scheduled for October 8, 2008 at 12:00 noon**