

Baraga County Communities That Cares Community Board Meeting

Notes

8.20.2015

Baraga County Memorial Hospital Conference Room

- 1) Call to Order and Introductions – called to order at 6:07**
- 2) Notes from previous meeting; tonight’s agenda –approved**
- 3) New Business**
 - a) Above the Influence event planning; Event will take place on 9/26/15. The group agreed that the event will be for 7th – 12th graders. We still need a location for the “Sick Air Show”, which lasts 20 minutes. This will be followed by dance, bowling, socializing at the Press Box from 8:00pm – midnight. There will be a DJ. Soda pop is included, but not food. The event will be free to members and supporters, including those who sign up at the event. All others will have to pay \$5. Other ideas for activities include contacting the state police and asking them to bring their drunk driving-related simulator and glasses, as well as maybe a K-9 demo. Also “Minute to Win It”, Karaoke, etc. We need to check for curfews in L’Anse, Baraga.**
 - b) Community Action Plan training: Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Positive Action were the programs chosen for implementation in Baraga County to address community-chosen priorities. It would take a year to implement Positive Action – we start with a \$600 Community Kit which K. Ritzenhein has already ordered for us. Implementation will begin as soon as it arrives and the planning group reviews it. This will require classroom programming, but only about 15 minutes and teachers do not have to present it – CTC members could do so. Staff from both schools participated on the workgroup that chose this program and believe it is realistic. Contact will be made with both schools to schedule an initial meeting. In order to address the perceptions of drug availability, we will try to address the role of parents in providing alcohol to minors 2 weeks prior to big, often alcohol related events and holidays, like home coming and the 4th of July. We will approach business leaders through the Chamber of Commerce to help set a tone for their employees, perhaps**

through pay envelop inserts, supporting substance-free family fun. Our website, BaragaCTC.org has details on how factors to address were chosen, etc.

- 4) Old Business – Neon Night:** Pam has extra T-shirts available for sale. Congratulations to our secretary, Brianna Hoffman, on winning the logo contest. Media coverage of the event was lacking/disappointing. Help from the SAAD chapter was greatly appreciated. There was a good turn-out and the group overwhelmingly supported having this event again next year. We need to get the date set earlier so that the event will be in the Chamber/CVB booklet of events and other listings. This will also allow us to get more stuff to put in the bags.
- 5) Workgroup reports:**
- a) Resource Assessment and Evaluation – No report/meeting this month.
 - b) Risk and Protective Factors Assessment – No meeting. Have been providing data upon request. We have been asked to make a brief presentation at all masses at Sacred Heart, per Fr. Corey’s request. Fr. Corey told a parishner/CTC member that he has been following the group’s progress via conversations with the coordinator, which has been very helpful, and that he prays for the group and its work daily.
 - c) Youth Involvement – Met and created professional-looking signs for Neon Night.
 - d) Community Outreach and Public Relations – Events were discussed at a recent meeting. We need adult volunteers for the Above the Influence event. Brianna will post the event on Instagram. We need a subgroup for the Ladies Night Out on 9/2. Our web site will be updated to include our Instagram as soon as Brianna gets the requisite information to Kevin.
 - e) Funding – We need a completed workplan in order to apply for funds anywhere. Cindi is working on this and will be sending out for review next week with the final version to be presented to the CTC Board at its next meeting. Funds obtained from events will go into an account at the Shelter Home for later use. The mechanics of this were explained.
 - f) Community Board Maintenance – Met to provide thank-you notes and addressed envelopes for Neon Night sponsors and volunteers.
 - g) Executive – Notes from last meeting were provided. The group is meeting at noon at Java By The Bay on Monday, 8/24. The Above the Influence event and the transition to not having a coordinator for at least 2 months will be discussed, as will the annual coordinator evaluation.
- 6) Coordinator’s Report**
- a) The teleconference with Luanne went well. Possible partnerships with KBOCC were discussed. This could include a Drug Take-back day being done by the DEA on 9/26. Best practices regarding underage drinking and prescription drug abuse that align with our community’s needs were discussed. We need a sub-workgroup to

work on these events.

b) Transition – the coordinator’s last day will be 9/18. The workgroup chairs need to be prepared to take over tasks the coordinator ordinarily did. Hard-copy and electronic files need to be housed somewhere as the office must be cleaned out by 9/17. It was agreed that these questions would be discussed at the Exec Workgroup meeting of 8/24.

7) **Public Comment: None**

8) **Closing and Next Meeting Date – Next meeting will occur on 9/24, same time, same place as always. Adjourned by acclimation at 7:30pm.**