

McKean County Collaborative Board Wednesday, January 7, 2009 Minutes

Attendance: Andy Penird, Big Brothers Big Sisters Program; Jim Keltz, McKean County Assistance Office; Lisa Defranco, NWPA Rural AIDS Alliance, Nancy chestnut, YWCA Victims Resource Center; Marge Kroh, Adagio Health; Melanie Anderson, Adagio Health; Troy Johnson, North Central Youth; Duane Wolfe, McKean county Department of Human Services; Casey Schillinger, McKean County Family Centers; Steve Eidson, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work—PA CWTP; Joe DeMott, MeKean County Commissioner; Lee Sizemore, The Guidance Center; Deb Olson, PA Department of Health; Vickie Skvarka, PA Department of Health; Tina Martin, CARE for Children.

Presentations:

COMPASS

- Jim Keltz, Executive Director of the McKean County Assistance Office gave an overview of COMPAS, Web site that allows individuals and community based organizations to apply online for Medical Assistance, CHIP, adultBasic, Cash Assistance, Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Food Stamps, Long Term Living services, SelectPlan for Women and School Meals.
- Website is found at www.compass.state.pa.us
- It is estimated that only 15% of those accessing assistance in McKean County do so online. There is a need for more agencies to be a “community partner” or a site that has a commuter terminal residents could access and receive some help in applying online.

School-based prevention programs

- Melanie Anderson, Adagio Health, gave an overview of several school based prevention programs that she can do for groups requesting this service. Programs range in topics from refusal skills to stress, and for any age group.
- Melanie can be reached at cap9030@verizon.net or 723-5852.

Project Updates/Announcements:

- **Review of Annual Plan:** The attached annual plan that was developed at our November meeting was discussed and adopted.
- **Drug Free Communities Grant activities:** The Guidance Center will be applying for this federal grant that helps the Collaborative Board implement environmental strategies to combat youth substance use. Several focus groups have been held and more are scheduled for this month to help assess the needs of youth.
- **Child Abuse Prevention Month Ad Hoc Committee:** The first meeting of this committee is set for January 29, 1:30 in the CYS Conference Room in Smethport.
- **Strengthening Families Program—**Winter Workshop dates were announced.

Fretz Middle School, Bradford

Tuesdays, Feb 10-March 24, 5:30-8:00 pm

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| Kane Elementary School | Thursdays, Feb 12-March 26, 5:30-8:00 pm |
| Otto-Eldred Elementary School | Wednesdays, Feb 11-March 25, 5:30-8:00 pm |
| Port Allegany High School | Tuesdays, Feb 10-March 24, 5:30-8:00 pm |
| Smethport Elementary School | Thursdays, Feb 12-March 26, 5:30-8:00 pm |

Register by January 26

- **Wellness Committee updates:** Wellness Committee will meet January 23 to explore the possibilities of kick starting this group.
- **McKean County Resource Directory updates:** The Directory will be issued April 2009 to coincide with Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- **Safe Kids Coalition updates:** Safe Kids will be at the Kinzua Travel Show, February 20-21 with Kids' Safety Zone activities.
- **Family Center Winter/Spring Program Guide**—note two upcoming groups that need your referrals
 - **Incredible Years Workshop:** A class for parents of 2-8 year olds. Parents will learn effective use of play, praise and reward; how to set clear limits; and how to handle misbehavior. Port Allegany Family Center, every Tuesday, January 13 through February 24, 9:00-10:30
 - **Grands As Parents Support Group:** support group for grandparents who are full-time caregivers of their grandchildren. Bradford Family Center, 2nd Tuesday of each month starting January 13, 6:00-7:00 pm.

New/Old Business

- **Steering Committee:** Next meeting is February 4, 3:00 at the State Health Center, 84 Boylston Street, Bradford.

Future Collaborative Board Meetings:

- March 4, 2009, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., 911 Center
- May 6, 2009, 1:00-3:00 p.m., 911 Center
- July 8, 2009, 12:00-2:00, Hamlin Lake Pavilion (summer picnic meeting)
- Sept 2, 2009, 1:00-3:00, 911 Center
- Nov 4, 2009, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Penn Hills Club, Annual Meeting