

# Minutes

## McKean County Collaborative Board meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 1:00-2:30

Hamlin Memorial Library, 123 S. Mechanic Street, Smethport, PA 16749

### Attendance:

- Marcia Avey, RSVP Program
- Lee Sizemore, McKean County Family Centers
- Betty Jo Wilcox, Bradford Family Center
- Ann Robinson, Pitt-Bradford
- Robbin Cessna, EMMCO East
- Nancy Chesnut, YWCA
- Lynne Grim, CCIS
- Janice Himes, New Choices
- Tara Erway, CYS
- Debbie Olson, PA DOH
- Greta Billings, ADAS
- Mimi Smith, NTCAC
- Joe DeMott, McKean County Commissioners
- Amy Wehler, SDHS
- Lisa Defranco, NW AIDS Alliance
- Tina Kowlsen, Center for Rural Health

### Discussion

### Special Presentations and Discussions:

- **Continuum of Alcohol and Drug Addictions Treatment, Intervention and Prevention:** Greta Billings, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, gave an overview of her agency services that includes counselors that assess level of need. Patients are then referred to services ranging from detox (usually at Warren General Hospital), Halfway House (in Erie), a medically managed inpatient facility operated by ADAS, and prevention services. Any person at any age can access treatment. There is no age of consent. This means that any child has a right to have their treatment confidential from even their parents. For more information go to [www.ADAOnline.org](http://www.ADAOnline.org). This is a new website that contains training and support group information.
- **Lead Poisoning in Children—Detection, Treatment and Monitoring resources in McKean County:** Deb Olson, PA Department of Health, gave an overview of lead poisoning, which is a reportable disease that medical professionals have to report to the Department of Health. DOH tracks and monitors elevated blood lead levels above 10 within the birth to six-year-old population. Children with levels from 10-15 are sent information or called on the phone and informed about prevention steps. A DOH nurse usually makes an educational home visits for levels of 15-20. Lead levels over 15 are referred to Early Intervention. And children with levels over 20 are referred for an environmental inspection. Microvac is a DOH contracted agency that will scan the home—walls, window sills, surfaces and toys—to determine lead sources. A Report then goes to the occupant, and landlord or homeowner. There are no laws that can force the landlord to make modifications to reduce lead exposure. If the home environment is not remedied, children risk further exposure by ingesting with hand-to-mouth activities and breathing lead dust. Young children are the most vulnerable.

*Our vision is to create a safe and positive environment where citizens will be healthy, educated and responsible community members.*

There are no resources to help low-income families make home modifications. There are many environmental sources of lead exposure—pewter, lead pipes, old paint, toys and trinkets. DOH has a manual for anyone to consult with all lead recalled products. Any home built prior to 1978 would be a high environmental risk due to lead-based paint used at that time.

**Updates/Announcements/Discussion:**

1. September 17, Parenting is One Tough Job Symposium: Preventing Sudden and Unexplained Infant Death
2. Strengthening Families Program scheduled in school October 4-November 15 has been cancelled.
3. Communities That Care web survey results were distributed.
4. Mimi Smith of the Northern Tier Community Action Corporation passed out and Early Education Report to the Community and framed posters.
5. **Next Steering Committee** meeting is Wednesday, October 6, 3:00-4:00 pm at the State Health Center, 84 Boylston Street, Bradford.
6. Our **next Collaborative Board meeting on November 3, 2010**, 8:30-1:00 pm, with the location to be announced.