



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 26TH AT 1:30 - MICHIGAN WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM

Attendees: Steve Wade, Sue Murchie, Arlene Brennan, Martie Manty, Karen A.K. Emerson, Christy Nelson, Matt Zerilli, Erin Bernhardt, Tom Emling, Jim Moore, John Stephenson, Brandon Everest, Jim Rowlett, Joseph Povolo, Ty Wessell, Diane Butler, Brent Boersma, Did Van Slyke

Traverse Health Clinic Update- Arlene & Sue

- Due to financial challenges, THC will begin charging for services as of Monday 7/30
- If client is 100% or less of poverty level, they will accept \$10 (or any contribution)
- Sliding payment fee otherwise
- Opening CHAP for new enrollees

Minutes Approved (strong positive response for the online link to minutes)

Financial Report – Steve Wade

- \$16,585 @ United Way
- Other Funds available @ NWCAA and Chamber Foundation
- HUD Grant has been signed (Planning meeting Friday, 7/27)

Action Team Reports:

Navigator Action Team – Matt

- Currently in the process of revising previous volunteer lists

Mentoring Action Team –Steve

- Developing trainings around: Boundaries/Culture/Community Resources
- Firming up participation

Advocacy Action Team – Joe

- Discussion around PBS Frontline Report: “Middle School Moment, Dropout Nation”
- Focused on identifying factors for low performance

Communication Action Team – NO UPDATE

Evaluation Action Team – Tom and Brandon

- Have finalized invitation for “Survive a Month in Poverty”
 - Will take place 10/5 (Currently recruiting players and participants)
- Working on Bridge Card/Double up bucks informational video, will be available for viewing soon

Education Team – Sid

- Per last month’s PRI steering discussion, Education has been crossed off agenda due to coverage by other teams (Advocacy & Evaluation)
- Ty Wessel proposes not to drop Education completely, due to the importance of the issue

- Agreement reached by Committee to form a “prevention” team
Volunteer Support Team- Jim

- Distributed most recent (tentative) Steering Committee Roster

Advisory Council- Sid

- 2 person teams are meeting w/ members of advisory council
- Jim and John S’s meeting w/ Tim @ NMC resulted in great discussion and opportunities to work together
- Group discussion around the importance of planning these meetings well in the future to maximize results
- Jim Moore proposed the reconvening of the focus group

Vista Update- Sid & Matt

- Addition of AmeriCorp Vista (Britney) in August, will be dedicated to HelpLink
- Matt will take on additional role w/ PRI while still remaining involved w/ HelpLink
- Descriptions of roles (VADs) are currently in development for both positions
- Group discussion around possibilities for Matt’s role:
 - Contact point for Navigator volunteers
 - Confirming Steering Committee participation
 - Development and delivery of welcome packet for new members
 - Web development of same

Events- Karen

Saturday Specials

- Planning meeting for next Saturday Special: **Career Tech center, 8/2 @ 8am**
- Next Saturday Special: **Saturday 10/6 @ Career Tech Center**

Neighborhood Meetings-

- Steady attendance, have had several guest presentations

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NEXT MEETING –

- Luncheon proposed by Jim Rowlett: **AUGUST 23RD @ 12:30**
- Meeting to follow **@ 1:00 (Location info forthcoming)**
- **ALL MEETING GOING FORWARD MOVED UP TO 1:00**