

**Communities That Care
Transitions & Mobility Planning Meeting
Meeting Held on January 31, 2006
12:00 p.m.**

Present: Chrystal Hodgson, Tammy Roberts, Paula Neils, Shannon Nesbitt-Dodd, Callie Ketner, Amy Bartoo, Gar Mickelson, Debbie Nadeau, Kathy Reed, Marie Price, Monique Lawee-Pearson

Introductions

Introduction made by those in attendance.

Goal and Objectives

Callie reviewed Goals and Objectives: Implement outcome based program that impacts the risk factor transitions and mobility. Also reviewed notes that Shannon took at our November 18, 2005 meeting.

We need to come together and narrow down approach to tackle the problem of transitions and mobility as a major risk factor. Some ideas that came from previous meeting were: working with PTO groups, lunch buddies for new students, partner new students with Natural Helpers, I.D.F.Y., youth programs at various parks in Kootenai County with Dept. of Parks and Rec. It was noted that the implementation of a new best practice program would be very time consuming.

Amy suggested a meeting sponsored by KACF and various other partners to look at trans. & mobility issues, including homelessness. Hosting a Summit was suggested to educate. We could use the data collected from the 'Kids Count' surveys. This topic was presented in today's paper addressing the Sandpoint area. We could do the summit in conjunction with Child Abuse Awareness month in April but it was decided that May would be a better time to have it. We would like to work with homeless coalitions, schools, key business people, etc. Some of the topics we need to address are: homelessness, high cost of living, low wages, school mobility, healthy families and children and the "pooper scooper" theory. We need to promote it as "Healthy Families= Healthy Children" or "Healthy Families=Healthy Communities: A Community In Transition. It was suggested that we could charge \$1.00 donations for tickets that could go towards working with a specific program.

Partners

Some of the partners needed are: faith community, Chamber of Commerce, Realtors, City Council, Job Plus, County Commissioners, Legislative Reps, IDHW, KMC, & outlying health care clinics, Hospice, school administrators, Dept. of Corrections, Children's Village, Women's Center, Dirne Clinic, press agencies and Dept of Parks & Rec.

Suggestions

Break in to workgroups after general presentations. Some topics suggested were: Kids Count Survey results, Homeless presentation-Gar, Commerce & Labor report. We need a charismatic speaker to be main presenter/Mastor of Ceremonies. Suggestions were: Mike Kennedy, Steve Griffiths, Vince Rodriquez, Marshall Mend, Mary Lou Reed, Sandy F., Tony Stewart. Need to address where and when.

It was decided that May would be our goal and we would have it at Hayden Friends Church in Hayden. One of the first goals to accomplish will be to meet and discuss this idea with some of the suggested facilitators/speakers. Amy will contact Marshall, Sandy, Mary Lou. Gar will contact Vince, Doug and Mike. Amy will also possibly contact Mike along with Gar.

“Family and Children Series” may be the topic that they will use to present the Summit idea to these contacts. We will tie it in as a one-year follow-up to the CTC Coming Out Meeting that was held last May. We will use the children and families piece to generate interest and then involve homelessness and transitions and mobility topics. Discussed how to involve families. We feel that the outcome will tie in family involvement. We will offer an open forum with representatives from all sectors. We need to raise awareness of transition and mobility issues with partners. It was also decided that we need a good opener outlining the entire CTC process- where we are and where we have come in the process.

Possible agenda could be a speaker, open panel with facilitator, breakouts, wrap up, commitment of outcome plan, evaluation. Each breakout would need a facilitator with expertise in chosen issue area, with CTC board member helping.

Discussed the costs involved. Benchmark could be a possibility for funding. Other suggestions were: pass the hat for contributions, raffle, suggestion box with screening of suggestions done beforehand with a panel to answer questions. Some of the major topics could be used for breakout sessions. Would also like to see a report with all of the questions and suggestions listed. It was also suggested to have informative tables set up from different organizations and serve coffee and snacks.

We will keep this group as the committee to work on this Summit. Our next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m., one half hour before our next CTC Meeting-February 10, at St. Pius.