

Community Partnership/Resource Committee Minutes – February 14, 2012

Ms. Zeller welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them all for coming. She explained to those gathered there was not enough understanding about what others did in the community; hence, the idea for this action committee was developed. Ms. Zeller then turned the time over to Ms. Ernst.

Ms. Ernst welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking the time to attend. She then explained to those present that we would be recording this meeting as a way to take physical, as well as, audio notes to help us better assimilate the information gathered during this phase to help us in our additional phases of discussion. She asked that we go around the table and introduce ourselves by name and organization. After the initial introductions were completed, Ms. Ernst explained the idea for the action committee was formed, because often when someone introduced themselves and said where they worked, there was not enough information presented for others to fully understand what a particular organization did. The goal of the Round Table type discussion was to have a meeting that would allow us to come together as a community to better define the role each organization plays in the community, what services each organization provides to the community, and how to access those services. Ms. Ernst explained that often times we see people at Social Services, who will claim to have been sent to us by a particular organization and that they were told they qualified for our program, when, in fact, they may not. By having these Round Table meetings and forming this Community Action Committee, this will give us a better understanding of what is available in the community and allow us to better partner to serve the communities needs. Ms. Ernst discussed with the committee that everyone's funding is dwindling, there are duplications of services in some areas, and gaps in others. These discussions will allow us to work together, through interaction and dialogue, to develop an understanding of what role each organization plays in the community and allow all of us to work together to provide services, fill gaps, and use our resources wisely. She then explained that the committee would discuss the current referral system and try to improve upon existing systems or create systems where there were currently none in place to make the referral process more productive. Ms. Ernst then explained to the group that we were going to have each member stand and give a brief overview of their organization, what services they provide, how they are funded, who is eligible, and how one obtains access to their services. She also advised the committee that questions for clarification were allowed and encouraged.

Resource Guide – 211 vs. Paper – Tabled until the next committee meeting.

Who is Missing at the Table – Tabled until the next committee meeting.

Next Steps – Tabled until the next committee meeting.

Ms. Zeller gave a brief presentation on the DEC (Drug Endangered Children) Grant. This program will be an educational tool to provide the various departments, that work with drug endangered children and their families, information to assist them in understanding how the interdisciplinary organizations will work together to handle the investigation, arrest, prosecution, and follow-up care needed for these families.

There were no other items discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40PM