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# WV's Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being

## Intervention Workgroup Meeting Notes

March 20, 2007 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ♦ Wingate Inn, South Charleston

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**Members Present:** Lisa Bruer, Jason Carlson, Wayne Coombs, Denny Dodson, Sue Hage, Bill Jesse (Proxy for Steve Collins), Mike Lacy, Jim Lee, Lavetta McKnight, Angie Saunders, Brenda Thompson and Linda Watts

**Staff Present:** Jamie Albert, Melissa Crawford

**Members Absent:** Charles Brown, Steve Mason, Patty Snodgrass

**Guests Present:** JoAnne McNemar

### 2007 Meeting Dates:

Friday, April 13 **Cancelled**

Friday, June 15 (Note change in date from June 1 to June 15)

Friday, August 3

Friday, October 5

Friday, December 7

### Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Sue Hage, chairperson for the group, asked for a review of minutes from the December 1, 2006 meeting.

- Bill Jesse said the notes should reflect that Steve Collins was in attendance rather than absent.
- Mike Lacy clarified the motion he made concerning the evaluation and the funding to be awarded to the PRC.
- Move for acceptance was made and seconded.
- Minutes were approved.

### Brief Overview of Work Plan

Jamie advised the group that, with Melissa's help, he would add an additional column to the work plan in order to track the status of each goal and activity and provide a copy to Workgroup members at the bi-monthly meetings. The following represents the status on the tasks:

- Operations – Bill Jesse announced that space for the Mercer County EIP will be provided at the Wade Center. It will be provided rent-free as long as possible.
- Funding – Jamie has conducted an exhaustive grant search and PRC will begin contacting potential funders in April.
- Operational guidelines – Plans are to use Kentucky's guidelines as a model for WV's guidelines.
- Resource directory – Mercer County is working on a directory of service providers available in their county.

### Evaluation

Zobeida Bonilla-Vega could not attend this meeting to discuss the evaluation plan, but the group reviewed the plan and posed the following questions:

- Should we look to best practices or the SAMHSA National Outcome Measures as a guide for identifying desired outcomes for the program?
- Should a cost-benefit analysis be conducted one program at a time rather than system wide?
- Objective → Activities → Outcomes – are they linked? Can they be shown in a logic model? Perhaps a logic model could be developed for each of the two types of outcomes - system outcomes and youth/family outcomes.
- The long-term goal of the project is to move kids away from substances. Perhaps we should build in a survey at age 18 to determine if this goal was met.

Submitted by Melissa Crawford

- Could data collected for SPF SIG be used as baseline data? Look at Mercer County's data. What is available that can be used for benchmarks?
- When referring to long-term outcomes, how long is long-term?
- Can protective factors be measured?

### Partnership News

Mike Lacy, Chair of the West Virginia Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being, gave an update on Partnership news. The Partnership created a new workgroup charged with the task of creating a comprehensive statewide prevention and intervention plan. Their first meeting will be April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Other Business

The group shared information about teen courts, adult and juvenile drug courts, and mental health courts. The WV Teen Court Association ([www.wvteencourtassociation.org](http://www.wvteencourtassociation.org)) is housed at Community Connections, Inc. which provided 13 counties with a \$1,000 startup stipend via a grant from DHHR/DADA. They are forming a new advisory committee.

In preparation for the next meeting, Sue Hage will prepare an overview of several state initiatives.

The next meeting will be held on June 15, 2007 at the offices of the Prevention Resource Center.

The meeting was adjourned.