



## WV's Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being

Quarterly Meeting

October 19, 2007 ♦ WVPRC Offices, Dunbar

Meeting Minutes



### Attendance

- **Partners:** Jean Ambrose, Joe Barker, Don Chapman, Judy Crabtree, Karen Eskew, Sue Hage, Dave Harris, Mike Lacy, Steve Mason, Angela Saunders, Brenda Thompson
- **PARTNERS ABSENT:** Keith Adkins, Jason Carlson, Michelle Foster, Steve Heasley, Lew Holloway (Sent Proxy), Dale Humphreys (Sent Proxy), Helena Lee (Sent Proxy), Gayle Manchin, Bob Musick, Gig Robinson (Sent Proxy), Judith Russell (Sent Resignation Letter), Karen Salem, Denise Smith (Sent Proxy), Bill Woodrum
- **WVPRC Staff:** Jamie Albert, Jo Beyer, Lara Berry, Charlie Bowen, Wayne Coombs, Cathy Coontz, Melissa Crawford, Monica McFarland, Valerie Ponder, Christy Rose, Laura Sarver, Carol Scheerbaum, Stephanie Southall, Anne Swedberg, Andy Whisman
- **Others:** Charlie Brown (Region 2 Liaison), Lisa Bruer (DADA), Kelly Cielensky (DADA), **Amanda Fisher (Proxy for Lew Holloway)**, Paula Flaherty (MU Eval Team), Megan Freeland (WV Legislature), **Debi Gillispie (Proxy for Dale Humphreys)**, Neal Holtan (Central CAPT), Mike Lowther (CSAP), Karen McComas (MU Eval Team), Jo Anne McNemar (Community Connections), **Jason Metzger (Proxy for Helena Lee)**, April Miller (Region 3 Liaison), **Jackie Newson (Proxy for Denise Smith)**, Merrial Richardson (DADA), **Shawn Smith (Proxy for Gig Robinson)**, Kim Tiemon (WV Commission on National & Community Service), Latrisha Whitelatch (Region 1 Liaison)

Chair Mike Lacy called for proxies. Shawn Smith presented a proxy for Gig Robinson. Jason Metzger presented a proxy for Helena Lee. Amanda Fisher presented a proxy for Lew Holloway. Debi Gillespie presented a proxy for Dale Humphreys.

Chair Mike Lacy called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

The July 20, 2007 meeting minutes were reviewed. Dave Harris moved to accept. Angie Saunders second. Minutes adopted. HANDOUT: *Partnership 7-20-2007 Meeting Minutes*

Mike Lacy thanked the partnership for their kindness and confidence in re-electing him as chair of the partnership. He said this is one of his favorite groups to work with. He is delighted.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Jean Ambrose introduced her replacement, Kim Tiemon. Jean will be leaving her position in two weeks.

Chair Mike Lacy read the resignation of Judith Russell effective October 15, 2007. Brenda Thompson moved to accept. Joe Barker seconded. Resignation accepted by group.

### **SPF SIG Fiscal Report**

Laura Sarver provided SPF-SIG sub-grant fiscal updates and status report for the 12 implementation grantees for the last quarter of the grant year. She also pointed out the press releases related to the new year's grants awarded by Governor Manchin on October 2, 2007. She pointed out that one of the awards is a \$15,000 award to the WVPRC to provide another evidence based training during this grant year. Angie Saunders was very complimentary of the status reports provided by Laura. HANDOUTS: *Fiscal Reporting Spreadsheet; Status Report on SPF-SIG Grantees*

### **Workgroup Reports:**

- Policies and Procedures WG – Angie Saunders called attention to the handout on edits to the by-laws. Changes are in red. Members reviewed the document. Angie Saunders moved to adopt the amendments to the by-laws. By-laws adopted. Angie also provided an update on the committee. She called attention to the marketing plan that is a part of the PPWG Meeting Notes. The group is requesting approval to move forward with the marketing plan. Angie noted that the marketing plan in the PPWG notes is a draft with tentative timelines pending resource (staff and money) availability. Angie Saunders moved, as a member of the committee, for this approval. Motion adopted. HANDOUTS: *Policies and Procedures Workgroups Meeting Notes September 12, 2007; WV Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being By-laws*
- UDP WG – Stephanie Southall gave a report from the WG. Brenda Thompson moved that the partnership support the collaboration of the UDP WG and the Juvenile Justice Sub-committee to draft social host legislation. HANDOUTS: *UDP WG Notes July 26, 2007, August 23, 2007, and September 20, 2007; Social Host Legislation is Being Pursued by Underage Drinking Prevention WG*
- Comprehensive Planning WG – They are continuing to meet. HANDOUT: *Comprehensive Planning WG Notes August 15, 2007*

### **Single Student Survey**

Don Chapman distributed a hand-out and discussed the problems of data collection in the school system. Current issues include duplication of questions, administrative burdens, and the amount of classroom time lost surveying students. Mr. Chapman opened the topic for discussion with the group, asking who needs youth related data (almost everyone) and who is getting what they need (no one). Dr. Wayne Coombs emphasized that current surveys such as YRBS sample across the state and provide state level data, while SPF-SIG counties especially need county level data for planning and reporting. Charles Brown emphasized Dr. Coombs point as well as indicating that we need to be getting prevention information to parents. Mr. Chapman said that we have to sell it to the schools and show that they will get something out of it. Other states have created single source surveys. Surveys are costly. Question from Jason Metzger: What is the difference in the survey you are looking for and the PRIDE survey. Andy Whisman – Two surveys must be blended to meet the requirements of the Safe and Drug Free Schools Act. Underlying issues – reporting requirements to SPF-SIG and SAPT block grant. Mr. Chapman indicated that they will escalate this piece of the data management grant to pursue the single source survey. If you have questions or input contact Mr. Chapman or Dr. Melanie Jones of the WVPRC. Dr. Coombs said there is money in the state SPF-SIG grant that can help offset the cost. Dr. Coombs asked if there needs to be a workgroup to address this issue. Discussion followed on this issue.

Andy Whisman asked how we might include the local school system, perhaps through the Superintendent's Association, so that we get buy-in and they will actually participate in the survey. Steve Mason said that coalitions could also be advocates. Andy Whisman said that coalitions are advocating with school boards. Mike Lacy assigned this topic to the Comprehensive Planning WG. Angie Saunders recommended that DCJS be represented as well. Mike Lowther helped New Mexico when they were working on their single source survey and offered some advice. HANDOUT: *Data Management Strategies Meeting Notes*

## **BREAK**

### **Qualitative Evaluation Report**

Linda Spatig, on behalf of the Evaluation Team from Marshall, provided an evaluation update. Paula Flaherty presented her dissertation topic on Regional Learning Opportunities. HANDOUTS: *Notes from the Field October 12, 200; Regional Learning Opportunities: A Story of Place-Based Learning among Adults in West Virginia*

Each of the 4 Regional Liaisons present provided updates/reports. Region 4 was represented by CDS Christy Rose. Summaries of their reports, submitted by the liaisons, are pasted below.

Chair Mike Lacy gave an update on drug courts. The two juvenile drug courts are up and running in both Cabell and Wayne Counties. There will be training in Princeton Oct 29, 30 and 31 for 100 selected persons who will implement drug courts around the state. Angie Saunders thanked DADA for the funding.

### **CSAP's Perception**

Mike Lowther, CSAP representative, addressed the group.

- He is here because of the SPF-SIG grant and because CSAP funds the block grant. He said the Partnership is the "Social Brain" for prevention in WV.
- You don't lose power when you share power, you gain power.
- Cooperation among agencies and with communities is what is envisioned by the SPF-SIG program. Through the Partnership we are doing that.
- When you empower communities to drive change and they need resources they know where those resources are, and they are in the State Legislature.
- Encouraged Partnership to keep up the good work.
- Think about the sustainability piece. How will the work be sustained over time?
- What should the next round of discretionary funding from CSAP look like? What do we need? He would like input. Dr. Coombs, partners, and regional liaisons gave suggestions.

## **LUNCH**

### **How Can the Partnership Help to Create a Positive School Climate?**

Don Chapman of the WV Dept of Education discussed the model for promoting a Positive School Climate in WV Schools. Some issues

- Discipline
- Classroom management
- High rates of classroom exclusion (in and out of school suspension/expulsion)

- Health Issues
- Parent and Student Support
- Experiential Delays

#### Discussion Questions:

1. As a whole, how can the partnership and individual members/agencies help create a positive school climate?
  - a. Dr. Coombs suggestion – State level statement from state superintendent, head of DHHR, and leads of other agencies to collaborate in creating a positive school climate in WV schools.
  - b. Mr. Chapman – Communities often try to help schools by bringing in a curriculum, but they have enough curriculum. What they need are ways to connect students and homes to services in the community. There was a program that did that but it was only funded for a short time.
  - c. Department of Education is hiring a substance abuse prevention staff person and a safe and drug free schools/character education staff person.
2. How do we generate interest in local school districts in working with the partnership and local county prevention partnerships?
  - a. Do school districts want to work with local prevention partnerships? There are some administrators who don't want help.
  - b. Partnership can offer new energy and a new perspective.
  - c. Have to build trust, which takes time.

This topic could be appropriately assigned to the Coordination of Services and Specialists Workgroup. Chair of the Workgroup is Sue Hage. Other members added to the WG were Debi Gillespie, Jason Metzger, Jackie Newson and Merrial Richardson. COSS will come back with a proposal.

#### Agenda Suggestions

- Steve Mason – Strategic plan ideas from DADA (afternoon with group discussion)
- Comprehensive Planning WG
- Policies and Procedures WG
- Evaluation Team
- Regional Liaisons Briefing
- Underage Drinking WG (partnership with JJ Sub-committee on Social Host Legislation)
- Coordination of Specialists and Services WG
- Community and Youth Input WG
- Fiscal Update

Jo Beyer and Laura Sarver gave partners Share the Vision bags with brochures inside.

Next Partnership Meeting – January 18, 2008

Partners went into executive session with Dr. Coombs at 2:15 p.m.

*HANDOUTS: WV Office of Healthy Schools Model for WV Positive School Climate Powerpoint; Discipline Data for 2006-2007; WV Positive School Climate Model; RCHS – Guideline for Consequences of Inappropriate Behavior; Student Assistance Teams (SAT) Policy 2510: (Section 9.9)*

OTHER HANDOUTS: *Community and Youth Input WG Meeting Notes 9-5-2007; Sub-granting WG Meeting Notes 8-16 and 17-2007; Sub-granting WG Meeting Notes 8-28-2007; PrevNet Magazine October/November 2007*

**Region 1 Liaison Report  
Submitted by Latrisha Whitelatch**

- **Five Funded Counties:** Implementation Counties: Calhoun County, Doddridge County, Marshall County, Ohio County, and Wood County
- **RLOs:**
  - August 2007: Pleasants County – Mentoring
  - September 2007: Doddridge County – Positive Youth Development and Media
  - October 2007: Gilmer County – Evaluation
  - In November, Region 1 prevention professionals will attend the Share the Vision Conference. The next RLO in Region 1 will be held in Marshall County on January 17, and the topic will be grant writing. All Partnership members are invited to attend.
- **Concerns Raised at RLOs this Quarter:** None
- **Thank You:** Region 1 would like to thank the Partnership for its continued support of our work.
- **Show and Tell:** A description of Ohio County and Marshall County’s achievements was given. Promotional items from each county were displayed.

**Region 4 Liaison Report  
Submitted by Lois Manns**

The hard work in Region 4 has paid tremendous dividends. Three additional counties moved from extended planning into implementation this month. Fayette, Mercer, and Raleigh Counties have joined Pocahontas County which enters its second phase of implementation funding. Coalition coordinators have adopted the motto of “Conceiving an idea, believing its possibilities, acting on faith, persisting in the face of obstacles results in the achievement of one’s objectives”.

The sharing/networking process that began with the Regional Learning Opportunities continues on a different level as the county partnerships now encourage and assist each other in uncovering collaborative and/or funding sources, enhancing research opportunities and brainstorming creative programming strategies.

Each of the newly funded programs has “hit the ground running”, planning their work carefully and then working those plans efficiently. Contacts with the local school districts and other partners are already underway, staffing and other critical concerns already being addressed. Participation in the upcoming Share the Vision Conference is also a high priority for coalition members looking for educational workshops and networking opportunities.

Sincere thanks are extended to those who provided technical assistance during the planning process. Because of your efforts, words such as data-driven, work plans and logic models are integral parts of the county vocabularies.

Region 4 appreciates the efforts of the Community Development Specialists who provided so much encouragement and support throughout the process. Thanks also to all involved in the funding process.

We believe that the best is yet to come in Region 4.