



City of Waterbury

Waterbury Prevention Policy Board • 95 North Main Street • Waterbury, CT 06702 • (203) 568-0575

**Waterbury Prevention Policy Board Meeting
May 12th, 2010 – 12:30-2:30- Family Services of Greater Waterbury**

Attendees: Louise Allen Brown, Jackie Lundie, Kathy Lang, Laurie Reisman, Kelly Cronin, Jennifer DeWitt, Caryn Olcik, Lisa Cheney, Linda Janowitz, Jackie McGrath Curtis, Diana Baxter, Laura Hadder, Debbie McCusker, Gary Steck, Sandy Porteus, Lydia Granitto, Shannon Longo, Brie Sodano, Angie Medina, Planned Parenthood, Yoellie Iglesias, Carol O’Donnell, Christine Bianchi, Kenny Curran, Terry Brown, Jim O’Rourke

Staff: Lori Hart and Nicole Porto

Meeting Notes:

BTS- FEC: Linda Janowitz, co-chair, reported that the committee is focused on developing family hubs. They have identified priorities, especially having hubs be a one stop shop. They are looking to also help families find jobs. The committee has indentified Tier 1, 2, 3 location sites. They would like a logo to be created to indentify the hubs. The committee will be looking into potential grant opportunities. Louise Allen Brown asked Linda to share what their hubs would consist of and potential locations. The following was reported:

| <u>Space/Resource</u> | <u>Integrated Services</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Readiness Assessment • 1000 SF • Need privacy for counseling (For Intake & assessment) • Utilities (phones, Internet, etc) • Rest Room • Handicap accessible • Copier Machine, Computer • Furnishings • Secure location/Security (Panic buttons) • Card visibility/signage (Family Hub Logo) • Accessibility (Day & Evening Hrs) • Staff / knowledge, friendly • Refrigerator • Microwave • Coffeepot • Services/Good Clean Environment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-institutional • Child play are • Water Feature (Ex: Water Fall) • Multi or bilingual staff • Non- threatening • Non- judgmental • Intergenerational Programs • Large enough entrance areas • Play area small • People chair (Comfortable chairs) • Team Work |

| <u>Core Services</u> | <u>Systemic/Sustainability</u> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screening Tool for eligibility for state services • Data Management • Assist family fulfilling basic need (New Opportunities Survey EBO) • Home Visit • Tools specific to family demographic, culture, education, dental health behavior. • Assist Family Focuses • 40 Developmental Assets • One Stop Shop • Accessibility (Day, evenings, weekends) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and procedures in place • Confidentiality Policy • Source of funding |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify location • Interview Questions • Assessment Phone/Personal • List of parent for next meeting |

Sandy Porteus cautioned the committee around home visits as they are a real scenario. It was suggested that Loyola Development Corporation may be interested in getting on board with this committee as a potential partner. Kelly Cronin stated that Waterbury Youth Services would like to get on board as a partner as well. Louise Allen Brown stated that the PPB-CAC will help with marketing. Louise also wondered if interns and students from NVCC and WYSS- Tech Media program may be interested in helping with a logo.

BTS-CHDC: Christine Bianchi, co-chair, reported that Waterbury received the ChildFIRST grant and the committee is interested in universal screening. They are looking to see what difference they made in the community. Christine mentioned an RBA training she attended and found comfort in knowing the committee did not have to do a full research project, but can rely on the data already out there. Gary Steck, co-chair, noted that logistics still need to be worked out. Christine felt there is such value on using approved tool as well as identifying positives and negatives. "There are a lot of layers, but there are benefits to all the layers." Christine noted that partners still need to be engaged and committed.

BTS – ECEC: Debbie McCusker, co-chair, reported that a pilot survey had been created in English only asking questions about Pre-K and how they heard about it, day and times they need childcare, etc. 25 surveys have come back so far.

BTS- PYDC: Lori Hart, staff, reported that the committee is looking to target the 40 Developmental Assets to raise awareness. Committee members Lorraine Jolly and Lisa Cheney talked with Lynn Ward at the Chamber of Commerce about the Positive Youth Development goals. Ideas they brain stormed included:

- How to get the 40 Developmental Assets out to the business community (a subgroup is meeting to discuss how to do this. Youth are also coming to help. There will be a follow up meeting to flesh out the details)
- Offer trainings to chamber members
- Low cost programs to increase 40 Developmental Assets
- Look where out-of-school activities are within the schools (working with Council of Government)

BTS- WFDC: Terry Brown, co-chair, reported that the committee revisited their headline indicators and looked to the 40 Developmental Assets to see which really made sense and aligned with the BTS-WFD goals. Terry also reported that the committee wanted to expose young people to college as an activity and have put together a pilot event for 25 Wilby students on Thursday, May 13th, 2010. An evaluation will complete the day about what worked well, what didn't, any questions, etc. The committee is still interested in increasing slots for the Summer Youth Employment Program, but also tying in other pieces such as learning how to budget and proper etiquette. If PPB members have expertise in a certain area,

for example, money management- maybe offering their assistance would be beneficial. Louise Allen Brown suggested looking at the Minnesota Model. Also, Sherri Sinese at Naugatuck Savings Bank has a financial literacy curriculum on site.

PPB-FFP: Laurie Reisman reported on behalf of Mary Bruce that new parents are sitting around the table. Also, they will be holding a table at Martin Luther Park this weekend.

PPB- MTFASA: Jennifer DeWitt reported that the committee is still very much in transition and are challenged by 12 sectors. Projects that have received funding were generally school based such as the Hard Truth presentations and No Butts About It. Social action projects are easily focused, however media and law enforcement partners are needed. The next meeting is June 9th, 2010. Jennifer also informed everyone that she can now provide 40 Developmental Asset Trainings.

PPB-CAC: JoAnn Reynolds Balanda, chair, reported that the committee has been working on a media tool kit. For the moment, they are putting things on hold to do more homework. JoAnn thanked all the committees for their hard work.

PPB- 40DAC: Jim O'Rourke, chair, thanked everyone who provided volunteers during the 2 weeks the asset survey was administered in the schools. Jim also thanked Louise for all her help in ensuring the survey was approved by the Board of Education. Jim reported that 1,482 students were surveyed. The surveys were sent out last week and it will be about 6 weeks before we get the information back. A lot of lessons were learned and feedback from the kids was helpful. The students realized why they were taking the survey (helps get them programs). Jennifer felt it was a great learning experience as she can now help her other towns who are getting ready to administer the survey for the first time. Joe Gorman and the teachers were great in getting us the students we needed and rearranging their schedules to do the surveys.

PPB & BTS Integration Process: Sandy Porteus, chair, noted that with the ongoing talks about meeting fatigue, a group got together and decided to look at the current infrastructure. Sandy explained the chart and stated that the bubbles are the foundation of this initiative. We want to clarify the roles of committee members and empower the members. Bridge to Success is the community youth plan. We feel it is time to consider retiring the PPB name to integrate this into Bridge to Success with one name. Jim O'Rourke pointed out that there is a lot of duplication and the same people are on committees from both sides. Christine Bianchi felt that there needs to be an orientation packet for when new people come on board or one person to make the plan come to life. Debbie McCusker feels there are gaps in communication. Linda Janowitz wondered how School Readiness would fall appropriately into the integration process as school readiness is not at PPB meetings on a regular basis. Diana Baxter felt the integration process would show strength and solidarity in putting it all together. Caryn Olcik loved the diagram as it is a sign of success. It shows that this initiative has lived, lasted, changed and adapted. It is a vision of change and we will be a bigger, better community. Lydia Granitto felt you have to simplify to be successful. Carol O'Donnell felt strongly that we need an "elevator speech". She also felt there may be some issues in terms of funding. Louise Allen Brown stated that there is recognition in the PPB name and maybe it would be beneficial to carry two logos for a while. PPB does not communicate what we do.

****It was noted that this month's PPB meeting would be the last one until September. The committee agreed it would be beneficial to hold another meeting prior to September to hear about the integration process.***

Information Sharing: Christine Bianchi reported that the Tobacco Association has something for 14-44 – pharmacology – gum, patch. Information is available in Spanish/English. Carol O'Donnell suggested contacting the Heart Association.

Linda Janowitz reported that Kindergarten Orientation is coming up. She will forward Lori the email to send out to PPB members. The orientation will help parents to know what the children should wear, who their teacher is, etc. There will be free books and t-shirts.

Jim O'Rourke reported that Youth Services was awarded the Safe Places Grant. Kelly Cronin has more information. Also, the YMCA is hosting a Free Triathlon Program for 25 kids' ages 9-14 starting June 26th – August 6th from 9:00-12:30.

Diana Baxter reported that there is a new summer school program for 5th and 8th graders. The 5th graders will have a "pre" middle school and the 8th graders will have a "pre" high school.

Jennifer DeWitt reported that there will be a Teen Influencer training. The training will last about an hour and a half. It will focus on how and why teens are misusing prescription drugs. The training will be helpful for any and every adult working with teens. Jennifer also reported that NWRAC Annual Meeting will be Friday, June 4th, 2010. Breakfast is at 8:30AM followed by meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.