



**Waterbury Prevention Policy Board
Positive Youth Development Committee
Tuesday, January 12, 2009
1:00p.m.-2:30p.m.**

Minutes

Present: Mike McLaughlin, Jackie Lundie, Glenis Vialva, Lorraine Jolly, Shannon Longo, Kathy Welz, Rob Cizauskas, Ruth Grey

Absent/Excused: Yoellie Iglesias, Trish Spofford, Kelly Cronin, Louise Allen Brown, Stacy Propfe, Neil O'Leary, Ed McCann, Maureen Coelho, Adrienne Wallace Hayward

Staff: Lori Hart

Introductions:

Lori called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15PM, and welcomed everyone. Brief introductions went around the room of those present and the agency/organization with whom they are affiliated with. Ruth Grey from MacDermid, Inc was welcomed as a new committee member. Kathy Welz was welcomed as the Positive Youth Development Committee Chair, and will provide the following in her role:

- Help staff prepare agenda
- Open & preside over meeting
- Keep discussion going
- Assure all committee members have opportunity to express their opinions/views
- Attend the BTSMC meetings to provide PYDC updates

Bob Cizauskas from PAL gave us a visual tour of the gym and expelained some of the new projects PAL is working on in the area. PAL also provided refreshments which was greatly appreciated.

Overall Goals:

Lori Hart reviewed with the committee that the goal of the Positive Youth Development Committee is that ***Waterbury children and youth develop positive attitudes and behaviors, and are engaged members of the community as they move toward becoming independent adults.***



The activities for the committee are to:

- Increase knowledge about the 40 Developmental Assets in all sectors of the Waterbury community so a variety of adults can help young people make successful transitions to adulthood, through clear, consistent goals for their development.
- Provide increased number of out-of-school time activities that engage youth in learning, and foster positive relationships among youth and adults as well as among youth and their peers.

Lori explained that the wording of these activities is slightly different than the committee saw in November; the wording was revised to include that in the Youth Plan prepared by the PPB in 2009.

Resource Mapping:

The updated Resource Mapping document is now available on the PPB website. The link is case sensitive; one **must** use capital and small letters exactly as they appear below:

<http://www.waterburyppb.org/pdfs/ResourceMappingFile.pdf>

We will be using this document to guide our discussions about strengths and gaps as they relate to the resources available to youth in the area of Positive Youth Development (relating to our two activities above).

Progress Indicators:

Lori reviewed the progress indicators as provided with the agenda. She explained that the State of CT Office of Workforce Competitiveness is working with the State Department of Education developing some standard RBA measures. They want three pilot communities (Waterbury, G7 (Manchester and surrounding communities, and Hartford) to do the following by next April/May:

- Establish common indicators
- Come up with strategies to address them
- Find out where dollars are being invested currently

The State will look at potentially replicating what's working well- there may be funds associated with this in the future. The BTS-PYDC should look closely at the indicators recommended by the state. The indicators that seem most well aligned with the PYDC include:

- # of 40 Developmental Assets that Waterbury Youth report having - 18.9
- Juvenile Justice Rates (Arrests) – 974 in 2008 (age 6-14)
- Attendance Rates – 97% in attendance on October 1; 2006/07 = 93.4% daily attendance or 18.7% with less than 90% attendance in 2006/07 (CT Consortium on School Data)
- HS Graduation Rate – Class of 2007 = 83.2
- Teen Pregnancy Rates – 88 in 2006; 42.1 per 1,000; 15.0% in 2006 (ages 15-17)



Other indicators the State of CT Office of Workforce Competitiveness is looking for include the following which may be more specific to the Workforce Development or Family Engagement Committees:

- % of youth at or above proficiency rate in reading
- Rate of abuse & neglect
- % of youth in school or employed full time
- CMT in math or reading

A discussion about teen pregnancy and programs planned or that currently address the prevention of teen pregnancy ensued. The team recommended that Lori contact Carol Bracken from Carolyn's Place and invite her to become part of the PYDC.

A question came up about what would happen if the indicators did not change or changed for the worse. Is that a reason not to include them in our recommendations? Lori will follow up on that question.

Statistics:

Lori reviewed some juvenile justice arrest maps and statistics from 2007. Bob agreed to follow up with Chief Gugliotti to see if we could get more updated statistics from the Crime Analysis Unit. Lori offered to follow up with the lab once permission was granted to request the updated stats. Bob also mentioned that he would be able to provide the translation for the charge/statutes listed on the report.

Follow up Items:

Lori will invite Carol Bracken from Carolyn's Place to become a member of the PYDC

Lori will follow up on a question relating to indicators

Bob will follow up with Chief Gugliotti to obtain permission to get more updated statistics from the Crime Analysis Unit – Lori will follow up with the lab if permission is granted

Bob will provide the translation for the charge/statutes listed on the report

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th from 1:00-2:30 at PAL (64 Division Street in Waterbury). The team felt it was best not to change the meeting time until we have made recommendations about our progress indicators. Future meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month – time and location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.