



Healthy kids

Goodhue CHI Council
Kick-off Meeting Minutes

Healthy families

Date: 6/28/2010






Time: 7:00 p.m.

Healthy communities

Attendees:

Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
Amy Mansur	Lara Ramthun	Sharon Watson	Janet Adams	Stacy Larson

The meeting was called to order by Stacy Larson. The meeting started with individual introductions of each member. All members were present with the exception of two individuals, Tris Danielson and Marla Simmons. Each council member was given a CHI Binder that included the following information:

-  Key Coalition information
-  CHI structure flow documents
-  Council Position Responsibility Documents (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer Positions)
-  Meeting Agenda
-  Meeting Presentation that included coalition information along with key statistics regarding the Goodhue community along with Goodhue County data. Youth Focus group and Community Health Survey reports from 2010 were also included.

Key Discussion Items:

Council Mission/Vision/Goals:

Stacy presented the council mission, vision and goals, as well as, the slide that explains who we are not. The slide included that we are not law enforcement or the courts system; however, we do support their efforts in enforcing and upholding the law. The third bullet states that we are not against legal, responsible alcohol use. It was pointed out that this is a common misunderstanding and in the past, individuals have hesitated to get involved because of this misunderstanding. As we promote the CHI and look to collaborate with community members, this is a good thing to keep in mind. We are all here with the same goal to keep the youth and members of our community safe and healthy!

The group discussed the uniqueness of the community and how alcohol is widely accepted by the community and the parents who may support and contribute to use by minors.

CHI Websites:

Stacy provided a brief overview of all the CHI websites including:

- www.chi-goodhue.org Main Coalition Website
- www.chi-parentnetwork.org CHI of Goodhue County Parent Website
- www.chi-howie.org CHI of Goodhue County Youth Website
- www.facebook.com Social Networking Site (CHI has a group and a page.)
- www.twitter.com/CHIParentNet Social Networking Site

It was mentioned that the www.chi-parentnetwork.org site includes important information relating to alcohol, drug and tobacco use, in addition to, local information such as community curfews and the


Minnesota State High School League rules. There is great information, pictures and description of drugs and paraphernalia along with great age appropriate communication tips and resource information.


It was also mentioned that the www.chi-howie.org site is youth focused. There is a Suggestion Box on this site where the members and youth of our community can submit ideas for community events/campaigns and comments.


Local Statistics:


Stacy presented local Goodhue statistics that were collected in the 2004 & 2007 student surveys. She also reviewed the Youth Focus Group reports along with some information from the Community Health Surveys that were performed in early 2010. Please see the CHI presentation for details. Also included in the presentation was a comparison of Goodhue to the Goodhue County statistics. It was noted that we are very interested to see the results of the 2010 Minnesota State Student Survey which will hopefully be available in early fall. When they are available, Stacy will bring those results and present at our council meeting.

Discussion and General Comments from Presentation


 The council members discussed the concern that there is a lack of things to do in the community for the kids. We talked about maybe working with Jean the owner of Doc Sawyers to have her host a night for the kids in the back room. Stacy talked to Jean previously and she said that she has a hard time getting the kids to come into the establishment and she would be more than willing to hold something in the backroom. The council members mentioned Karaoke and/or trivia night as ideas.

 We discussed the high percentages of kids that drink within the community according to the statistics and that they are getting it from homes, taking it from others, etc. A big concern is the wide acceptance of alcohol in the community.

 We discussed partnering with the local student groups and get the kids involved in our efforts so they can be a part of the solution. As seen in the youth focus group responses, the kids want to be heard and would like to contribute their thoughts!

 Discussed how punishment for marijuana is very light, not a deterrent for kids or adults. Talked about implementing tougher punishment for offenders. In the schools, it is not illegal for the kids to come to school “high” as it is illegal for them to come to school “drunk”. If the student is caught in possession of the substance, then they can be charged with a violation. If it is suspected, the school officials are faced with a difficult decision, do they suspend the student for the day and send him home where they may do more or do they keep them in a positive environment.

- There was a question as to if the school has the right to order a blood/urine test based on suspicion.

 Discussed the rise of marijuana issues throughout the county and how it is very easy for the kids to get!

Current Business Items

Council Position Discussion:


We had great conversation during the presentation which made the hour fly by. Due to the timing, we tabled the election of officers until next month's meeting. Stacy mentioned to the group that position responsibility documents were included in their binders under the second tab. There is a document for each of the council positions (chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer). She mentioned that we like to implement the chair and vice-chair structure as it ensures a smooth transition of responsibilities at the end of the 1 year term. For any of the positions, we understand that everyone is trying to balance work, home and all other activities so if there is a situation where they would prefer to partner with someone on a position such as the secretary position; this would be acceptable.


Stacy asked that everyone review the responsibility documents before the next meeting and if anyone is interested or willing to serve one of the roles to let her know. We will plan to do an election of officers next month.


Regular Schedule for Monthly Council Meetings:


It was determined by the council members that they would hold the council meetings on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke Church.

Open Discussion and CHI Projects

 Briefly discussed the Seller/Server ordinance. At this time this ordinance is implemented in the Red Wing and Wanamingo communities. This is something, along with the Social Host ordinance, that we would like to focus on in the near future. Our goal would be to have these ordinances in place throughout Goodhue County.

 Stacy talked a bit about the S.A.F.E. Prescription Drug Disposal program. As prescription drugs become more of an issue with all age groups across Goodhue County, we recognize this as a high priority issue. With the environmental groups stating that it is not environmentally safe to flush the drugs, people do not know what to do with the drugs so they sit in their cupboards available for kids and others to take. The CHI along with Law Enforcement and Public Health are working on a project that would include having two safe disposal collection boxes located in Red Wing and Wanamingo for the citizens of Goodhue County. They are hoping to implement the program in the October 2010 timeframe.

 Stacy also briefly touched on the Sticker Shock Campaign that was recently done in the Kenyon, Wanamingo and Zumbrota communities which was sponsored by the local CHI Councils with participation from the local student SADD groups.

 Stacy also briefly mentioned the annual CHI Sunday/Week event and the activities surrounding that event.

Meeting Wrap-Up

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 26, 2010 at 7:00 at St. Luke Church in the meeting room.