

Chisago County Alcohol Action Team – Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: September 26, 2012

Mission Statement: **To ensure responsible and legal alcohol consumption in Chisago County.**

In attendance: Janet Reiter, Trent Jensen, Mike Linder, Judy Hanson, Gary Wood, Ursula Scheele, Tom Koplitz, Carla Norelius, Melissa Vrudny, Jen Amys, Nathan Sindt

Melissa V opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions.

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

Updates from Action Team members were shared.

- Carla shared that there is a new clinic being built in North Branch; Fairview received an award from the Joint Commission. They are currently working on a Community Health Assessment focus group. Looking at three main areas: Chemical Use, Obesity, and Tobacco cessation. Also, Fairview is currently recruiting mentors for 13 different schools.
- Tom shared that the Youth FIRST after school program is beginning October 5th. It serves 4th-7th graders in 5 different schools. There are 22 sessions held with 15 anti-drug workshops throughout the sessions. Youth FIRST is in its 15th year in the North Branch school district. The program is almost entirely funded by Greater Twin Cities United Way. Volunteers are needed for 1 hour-1 time.
- Gary shared that probation has been busy since the start of the school year. Gary and Ursula explained that schools monitor grades and attendance and probation is called in if needed. The schools also have a truancy worker.
- Janet shared that she attended a national conference on drug diversion. The courts are also being asked to take part in Toward Zero Deaths with a new focus on the drunk driver and not just the crashes. The County Attorney's Office is also working with EDMAP (Every Day Matters! Attendance Program) through the St. Croix River Education District with addressing absenteeism.
- Nathan attended the Positive Community Norms Initiative. He has also done a few school curriculum trainings through Project Northland.
- Melissa attended a Youth Engagement training put on by Project Footsteps. Its focus was how to engage youth and young adults. CCAAT is doing well engaging 6th-12th graders but struggling with the 18-25 year old young adults. Melissa is also picking up some of the One-to-One interview sectors that we are still missing. Tom and Melissa attended a Cross Site Evaluation with Wilder. She shared that the Epi Sub Committee had a check-in and the profile is coming along. The Sub Committee is still waiting for a lot of the data from the state and local sources. The MN Student Survey modified the survey from 6th, 9th, and 12th graders to 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th graders. There will also be revised questions for the 2016 survey. We are still waiting to hear if we are required to implement the survey in all grades 6th thru 12th at all 3 school districts. Melissa also traveled to Hazelden to attend a meeting on Substance Use Effect on the Adolescent

Brain. It is designed to be taught to adolescents. It consists of eight 15-20 minute lesson plans.

After updates, all Action Team members shared their progress on their One-to-One interviews.

After One-to-One interviews were shared, Melissa distributed flow charts showing how the interviews and all the other data we've collected will be used to create the plan for the next phase of the grant. Melissa reviewed upcoming activities and important dates with the Action Team. The deadline for the Epi Profile is November 30th. Target Populations and Goal Statements are due to the state December 21st. Full Community Strategic Plan, including Logic Models and Action Plans, are due January 15th. There is an upcoming Partners for a Drug Free Chisago County meeting on October 18th. More details to follow. On October 24, the Action Team will have a facilitated discussion with Wilder to go over the One-to-One interviews. At the November 28th meeting, the Action Team will be looking at the completed Epi Profile. The Action Team agreed to move the December meeting to December 19 from 11:30 to 1:30 with a potluck to celebrate all we have accomplished and to finalize our goal statements and populations that will be turned in on the 21st.

No further discussion occurred and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting October 24, 2012 @ 11:30 to 1 at CPYF meeting room.