

Family TIES Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2008

Those in attendance were: Billie Jo Greenwalt, PJ West, Tammy Ross, Lisa Cook, Jody Downing, Valerie White, Sharon Wasteney and Retta Baker.

There were no additions to the Agenda and the minutes were approved.

Jody Downing from Empowerment reported that RFP applications are ready and to contact her if you need one. There is a renewal application for those who have received funding in the past. Jody also reported that there may be possible funding cuts this year and will keep the committee posted as she finds out additional information.

Retta Baker with PAT/GRMC Outreach Services reported they are working hard to maintain the same amount of home visits as they have had in the past and have been successful so far.

Tammy Ross with the East Union Schools reported the After School Program is short staffed due to people on maternity leave, etc. Tammy also reported they are working on their big fundraiser – the 5th annual Basket Raffle. On May 9th, there will be a free concert and family night along with the Basket Raffle and everyone is invited to attend. Tammy further reported they will have a 4 week summer program in June called Summer Safari.

Valerie White with the Extension office reported the Extraordinary Educational Adventure Conference will be held at SWCC on April 5th. There will also be a free Youth Training on April 5th for 4th through 12th graders. Youth can earn YEAH volunteer hours for attending. The next Youth Plus meeting will be Tuesday, April 1st at 4 P.M.

PJ West with the MATURA FaDSS Program reported she is still accepting referrals for her program. The only requirement is that the family receives FIP. PJ also reported that fuel assistance applications are still being taken until April 15th.

PJ reminded the group that the Homeless Coalition will be having a working lunch on April 2nd to develop a vision and mission statement. The next scheduled meeting will then be Tuesday, June 3rd at SIRHA at 9 A.M.

Billie Jo Greenwalt with SIRHA reported their waiting list is approximately 4 months long.

Lisa Cook with Decat/CPPC reported their will be a FREE conference in Osceola on May 20th called Mobilizing Communities to Strengthen Families at Terrible's Lakeside Casino. It is for anyone working with youth and CEU's will be available. Lisa also reported that Decat's funding for next year is questionable.

The CPPC website is being developed for our 3 county area – Adams, Adair and Union counties. April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and Vicky is working hard on material for this. The Middle School Conference is April 15th at SWCC.

Sharon Wastaney with the Extension Office reported we need to re-evaluate or re-visit the structure, time and membership ideas for future Family TIES meetings. It was decided by the group that there will be no Family TIES meeting in April because of the Prevent Child Abuse Conference. There will be no meeting in May so we can send out some questions to the group about their thoughts/ideas/suggestions on the future of Family TIES meetings, etc. The responses will be discussed at the June 24th meeting.

Our next meeting will be June 24th at the Greater Regional Medical Center Cafeteria Conference Room . We will discuss some focus questions/responses that will be e-mailed to everyone before the June meeting and we will also do Agency Sharing at the meeting.

We will be sending out more Family TIES information in the upcoming months so watch for that!!

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Minutes by Billie Jo Greenwalt