

## Family TIES Meeting Minutes

8-26-08

Attendance: P.J. West, Lisa Cook, Victoria Brammer, Shelley Esmahan, Tammy Ross, Andrea Corbino, Kari Ohnemus, Vickie Hodge, Retta Baker, Judy Kiley, Billie Jo Greenwalt, Tom McCann, Barb Stephens

Additions to Agenda: Shelly Eshahan with Project Recovery

Consideration of last meeting minutes: minutes stand

Empowerment Update & Discussion: none

### Agency Sharing:

PaT – Retta Baker - starting new year. Still have two educators and able to make all visits. Due to funding a few visits a month have been cut, no other major changes however.

Respite – Judy Kiley - as of July served 15 families, which is double from last year at this time.

SIRHA – Billie Jo Greenwalt – SIRHA is busy busy busy. Waiting list for Section 8 is approximately four months. Public Housing varies on the waiting list. Huge increase the past few months, many many more applicants. There was much discussion around this topic.

Board of Supervisors – Tom McCann – roads are the big project due to all of the rain. Just finished the pattern for rock ~ suppose to be rocked every 3 years unless it's a high traffic area, which would be more often. Doing repairs only at this time, applied for FEMA money and hopeful they will get that.

SWCC – Barb Stephens– working on getting a Command Spanish online program for professionals. Working on registration pieces and getting advertisement out.

PJ – FaDSS is taking referrals of FIP families. Terri Bovee at the Family Development Center is doing the Developmental Assessment and Resolution Program (DARP) until the end of September and LIHEAP begins October 1 for the elderly and disabled. Everyone else can apply in November. Terri's number is 641-782-3346.

Decat – Lisa Cook – started new fiscal year, did not renew all the contracts due to limited funding, or what they thought what would be limited. That's not the case as they previously thought, so she is working on those issues.

CPPC – Victoria Brammer – just back from underage drinking conference in Nashville. Learned a lot – and getting those points targeted in the county.

Valerie White with ISU Extension sent update with Victoria – Youth Survey coming up and letters sent to parents. Graceland is hiring an education based AmeriCorp worker for Union County.

Project Recovery – Shelley Esmahan – the program is to educate people about their disaster reactions. They just let them know they are reacting normally to an extraordinary experience. They get them connected with resources and offer support. Once long term recovery is set up there will be long term case managers. They are here to listen and take calls. She has brochures and passed them out. She is willing to do presentations. 1-800-432-1143

Tammy Ross – East Union Afterschool Program – 32 kids enrolled, just started last week. This is the first year not grant funded and working on sustainability funding and sliding scale fee. Looking for grants to help support programming. Have several more special needs children. Working closely with teachers and school nurse. Lots of communication around these issues. Getting ready to celebrate Lights On Afterschool to promote after school programming and advocacy. October 16<sup>th</sup> is the date – if folks want to set up booths and offer information. Held at East Union Schools – family event, hands on activities and meal. Usually lasts around an hour and a half.

Andrea Corbina with Area Agency on Aging – a huge portion of our communities are senior citizens. Alzheimers Association is going to be opening an office in Creston, hoping to be open by the first of October. 4-6 thousand folks diagnosed with this disease in our 7 counties. Jalynn Dobbs is the contact person for this. Going to be on Grapevine every month.

Discussion around finding an alternative meeting sight – need someone to check into that. The DV Richardson room is great but it's a long way for an elderly or disabled person to walk to get to the room – Billie will check into it.

Kari Ohnemus – new Sexual Assault Services Coordinator with Rural Iowa Crisis Center

Vickie Hodge – Rural Iowa Crisis Center – still navigating city issues with relocating. No longer able to take on Crisis Child Care program due to insurance reasons. Kept hotline number in order to let folks know it's not available at this time. Lisa is still trying to find someone to run the program. Two part time or one full time AmeriCorp positions open. Want to start them by October 1<sup>st</sup>. October is Domestic Violence Awareness month – going to try to organize a “take back the night” event in all 6 of our counties. Bring this issue to the forefront. The Iowa Voices Project is hoping to have their event on October 14<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

Mentoring update: no update

Steering Committee:

Membership – need new emails or additions, please let Billie Jo know.

Homeless Coalition – Sept. 2, at 9am at SIRHA office

Brochure Rack sign up – much discussion around how to improve this. Kari will check on this and report back.

Secretary – sign up sheet has been passed around

Discuss Focus Questions/Future of Family TIES, Meeting Dates, etc – Billie Jo did not receive the results of the survey sent out so didn't have anything to report. The ones Billie Jo did receive via her email was a lot of positive feedback from the Agency Sharing portion of the meeting. There was a question about meeting monthly. There was a question of combining with another meeting so that people didn't have to go to another meeting. Vickie stated she gets at this meeting something different then she gets at any other meeting. Some meetings are very specific.

Next Meeting: Sept 23, 2008 at noon – location to be announced.

Future meetings are: October 28<sup>th</sup>, Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, no meetings in December.

Minutes submitted by P.J. West