

Baraga County Communities That Cares Community Board Meeting

Date May 26, 2016

Baraga County Memorial Hospital Conference Room

Present: Robin Chosa, Cindi Parker, Sherrie Larson, Chris Lynum, Sharon Gilliland, Cathie Stanaway, Maggie Munch(Big Brothers), Kevin Weir, RD Curtis(KBIC-Outpt dept.)

The limited minutes from the last meeting were approved with one addition. That the e-mail list was going to be completed.

Under new business, Kevin explained a little about Positive Action. Information was passed out to all giving a summary description of the program as well as an Outcome summary. He will call Carol to do a webinar to give us an overview of Positive Action. We will look at June 13 or 14th.

They are 15 to 20-minute lessons, one can do 2 lessons per 50-minute class if that makes more sense to the school, or the facilitator. As we explore this program with the schools, they might want to just as easily keep Life Skills in place with positive action, or replace Life Skills with Positive Action, that will depend on what fidelity means with this model, and what the Schools/CTC can afford. If fidelity and/or the community decides to implement Positive Action from K - 12 and move away from Life Skills, then Northcare/Dial Help resources may be reallocated towards this effort. We will include Sacred Heart School as well.

Maggie Munch from Big Brothers/Big Sisters was here. She explained the 2 biggest obstacles are Volunteers and money. We received more information from Big Brothers/Big Sisters as to know what kind of start up fees we would need. She suggested we would need a ½ time person to work on Big Brothers (approximately \$26000 per year) to help with finding and interviewing volunteers, children and families. It takes about 4 additional hours for the introductions once a match is made. Also about 2 hours monthly for a supportive role. It costs about \$1160 per year per match for this program. We will put out a survey on-line as well as have a paper survey at the Lake Trout Festival to see what the interest is for volunteers as well as monetary support. Once this is complete, Maggie has agreed to come and have an Open house in L'Anse and Baraga. We would like to do a Press release with a link to the survey as well.

Robin, Cathie and Maggie will write a letter to the Baraga School about High 5 and the importance of getting it back to the school next year. They will also write a letter to the L'Anse school to let them know we are happy to see they are using High 5.

RD Curtis expressed the need for education on drugs and alcohol to our community. Positive Action could help with this.

There was a written report from the Resource assessment group.

The Risk and Protective factors group will be looking at the survey for next year shortly.

Youth Involvement is planning an End of the school year Dance for the youth. It was approved by all present. It will be held June 11 from 7:00 to 11:30 at the Meadowbrook Arena in L'Anse. We have a DJ on standby waiting for this approval. We will have chips, skittles, fruit and water free of charge. We will have pop, Gatorade and candy bars available to purchase. We have some educational materials as well as a 3 minute video. We are in need of chaperones. This will be posted to our Facebook page.

We have a 3 question survey that the L'Anse and Baraga schools agreed to pass out to the kids in grades 6 - 12. Baraga has completed the survey. Some of the comments from the youth were: I liked the survey, it was short. This was a good survey, you didn't only give us choices. It is nice to know our opinion might be important. KBIC Youth Committee would like to have 3 "Movies in the Park" this summer. Dates are not set. The 1st one will probably be in L'Anse by the lake front. The 2nd would probably be in Baraga.

Brochures were handed out to those interested in posting them for the KBOOC Summer HS Pear Camp. This is a free 5 week program from students going into grades 9 -13. Students could be eligible for \$240 stipend if they attend all 5 sessions. Community Outreach and PR: A mailing to area businesses was done. Robin has received some very good responses from about 8 of them.

They will now be working on the Big Brother survey.

Community Board: They have received 2 names for teachers to be recognized from the schools. Robin will have certificates printed. We would like to have the Press there when these are presented.

Suicide Prevention: No report

The meeting was closed at 8:00

Next meeting is scheduled for July 14th