

Baraga County Communities That Cares Community Board Meeting

May 4, 2017

Baraga County Memorial Hospital Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

Carrie Rich introduced herself to everyone.

There were 14 people present. They are as follows: Kevin Weir, Taryn Mack, Maggie Munch, Lynn Krahn, Chris Lynum, Alex Mayo, Cindy Parker, Sherrie Larson, Pam Dove, Carrie Rich, Char Spruce, Eric Demink, Kate Beer and Waba Alakayak.

Notes from the previous meeting were approved with some changes made.

The Angel program is up and running in Baraga County. Trooper Djerf is in charge of program. There are a few things that need to be worked out as far as after hours for referral. Niki Dudo is the lead Angel in Baraga County. There is a need for more males to be angels. There has already been one individual who has used this program and the feedback has been positive.

At the Bowl for Kids event in Houghton for Big Brother Big Sisters \$269 was raised for Baraga County by the Baraga CTC team. She said there would not be enough manpower for us to hold an event like this here. She also told us that a majority of the funding to support the High Five Mentoring program in L'Anse comes from the Houghton Bowl for Kids event. It would cost an additional \$6,700 annually to provide High Five Mentoring in Baraga Area Schools (in addition to the current costs of delivering the program in L'Anse Area Schools).

Maggie corrected CTC that we would need about \$18,000 per year for a community-based Big Brothers Big Sisters expansion in Baraga County.

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Botvin Life skills is being used in both school for grades 6, 7 and 8, and has served approximately 213 students. This is the 2nd year and feedback has been positive.

Guiding Good Choices started out with 8 and had only 5 the last night, due to other family commitments, possibly childcare and transportation. It was brought up that possibly some of the Youth Involvement group might want to help with the childcare during the next session.

Prime for Life was being done at the alternative school. Eric said it was hard to do the program because the students did not always attend class. In the end he said there was 2-3 kids.

High Five mentoring is ongoing at the L'Anse schools. There are approximately 126 students meeting once a week.

Signs of Suicide will be at the L'Anse middle and High School soon. It is already in the Baraga School.

An intervention and Recovery roundtable is in the process to discuss resources and services available for that end of the spectrum. A list of contacts has been made.

Postvention programs: There is a survivors of suicide support group available that is poorly attended at this time. There is a need for a grief support group in the community. Reached out to Houghton County grief support group, no response.

The Spring Fling was a successful event according to Eric and Chris. The attendance was down from last year, but there was a lot of communication about the effects of drinking. The Drunk goggles were there for children as well as adults to try.

Eric said as of today, there are no dodgeball teams signed up. If we don't have 6 by Friday evening, we may have to cancel for next weekend.

Eric worked hard advertizing on the radio, facebook posts, going to Houghton and Hancock and putting info into mailboxes.

It was decided that if this doesn't come together now, we would look to postpone to a later date, perhaps October. Maybe we could even get some sponsors for kids that can't afford to play otherwise.

Geri would like to do a community readiness survey. She received a list of people that could take part. Pam to follow up with Gery.

Carrie has lists of volunteers from the past up until now. She would like to get that list combined to people that truly want to be a part of CTC. She would like to call or email all on the lists and see what responses she gets. She would like to see CTC be more transparent to the community.

1) Workgroup reports:

- a) **Resource Assessment and Evaluation:** Student surveys were completed in February. The Data committee has been meeting every Monday evening to get their report ready. They are hoping to be able to share it the end of May or beginning of June.
- b) **Risk and Protective Factors Assessment :**
No report
- c) **Youth Involvement :** They are currently meeting every monthly on the 2nd Monday. It is held every other month at each school. The dodgeball/pizza party that was put on by CTC and Baraga's SADD group was a lot of fun. They are working on Posters for the Dodgeball tournament. The students in Baraga want to focus on Beautifying Baraga.
- d) **Community Outreach and Public Relations :** Pam and Kevin have been doing phone conferences. The drug takeback on the 29th and the Dodgeball tournament have been 2 of their bigger focuses. They are looking for youth interested in helping with the website and other social media such as twitter, Instagram, etc. Policies will need to be developed that outline appropriate use by youth.
- e) **Funding :** We need to re-submit a request to Burger King to get the funds from this winter. Eric said his group is fizzling out. Their next meeting is May 23 at Pizza Shack.

f) Community Board Maintenance: Taryn and Char have met once and are working on the 4 tasks for their group.

G)Suicide prevention: The original plan to put a seating/memorial area by the waterfront has been stopped due to lack of funds and upkeep. Instead, the workgroup is working on locating lending libraries that contain local resources in L'Anse and Baraga. Locations that were selected included the coffee shop in L'Anse and by the Baraga schools or KBOCC in Baraga. They are working on getting Care packages together to show people where help can be found. They were able to obtain SOS for L'Anse middle and high school, it is on the way. Taryn will share information from the Houghton-Keweenaw suicide prevention group. The next meeting to discuss the walk will be May 15th at @2 at the hospital. The next Suicide Prevention Workgroup meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29th at 9 a.m. at BCMH.

Coordinator's Report : Carrie will be training at the end of May. She is excited to be a part of CTC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Next meeting will be July 20th at the hospital.

Submitted by Sherrie Larson