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Chemical Health Grant Planning Meeting Meeting Notes

Noon – 2 p.m., Friday, February 4, 2011
Government Service Center, Fergus Falls

Present: Mary Matteson (Fergus Falls Public Schools-5); Angie Schreader (Perham High School-110); Karmy Thompson (OTC Human Services); Carole Zarling (Productive Alternatives Detox Center-2); Kristin Erickson (Public Health); Marian Bogenreif (LADC-3); and Jane Patrick (Collaborative Coordinator).

1. Jane Patrick began the meeting with a welcome and a round of introductions.
2. The work group discussed the two grant opportunities which are pending. We do not know which communities have been selected for the P & I Grant. The Drug Free Communities Grant is available now which is a federal grant. The group will not pursue the Drug Free Grant. This is NOT the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPFSIG) which is \$200K per year for about 3.5 years. The group agreed to go back to their agencies and by February 11th decide if:
 - Their agency could serve as fiscal host; and
 - Their agency can contribute minimal cash or staff resources to help write a grant.
3. Updates on community programs:
 - Nothing has moved forward with Lakeland in Perham at this point. Bill will work on this.
 - Jane reported that half has been allocated for transportation for chemical health services.
 - Youth Health Day – is set for Tuesday, March 15th. Backstroms will be speaking at 10 a.m. Screen at Life Church – to hold a message of “Friends Don’t let Friends Drink” when the speakers are not on the screen.
 - Pelican Rapids – would like to have lunch with the students on April 8th during our regular meeting time.
4. Media outreach: Make up a display board for each district;
 - Email “Parents: It’s time to grow up” to the chemical health group.
 - Radio spots on Underage Drinking: Karmy could do it; ask Steve Adams;
 - Bill will talk to Lakeland to see if they are interested in sponsoring the message of “Parents: Talk to your kids.” The group agreed to purchase the vinyl using grant funds for media.

5. The group discussed how to complete Task 1 of the work plan. Suggestions including talking to Someplace Safe (Jane), and Kristin will ask her pastor and the parish nurse if they are interested.
6. FY12 Work Plan:
 - Completion of UCare Grant funding (no resources needed, but will need to carry over grant funds)
 - Complete required other grant activities if funding is received (no resources are needed as it will be covered by grant funding if received)
 - Combined effort of media campaign and awareness and pursuing grant opportunities that will arise (do we need funds - \$1500-if we get grant we won't need it)
 - Attempt to implement one policy change within OTC to address chemical use by youth (may or may not be the social host ordinance \$500)

Jane reported that work plans and budgets will be reviewed for approval at the March 7th CEO Group meeting.

7. Future meeting schedule for Chemical Health Grant Program – March 11; April 8; May 13; and June 10. Location of all meetings will be at the Government Service Center in Fergus Falls unless otherwise noted.