

Advancing Our Youth

Minutes - 8-23-01

Centennial Hall 10:00 – 11:30

Present: Grace Brooks, SAFV; Pat Alexander, STA Social Services; Dick Wilson, NAMI of Sitka; Betsy Carter and Aryeh Levinson, SEARHC Haa Toowoo Naakw Hit; David Sliefert and Camielle Call-Tarbet, Islands Counseling Services; Diane Climo and Tom Clarke, Juvenile Justice.

- I. Reviewed and approved Minutes from the 8/16/01 Meeting.
- II. Flexible Funding – getting the word out
 - a. 8/16/01 Aryeh presented to School Board
 - b. 8/21/01 Grace completed PSA with Sitka Soup
 - c. 8/28/01 Aryeh and Tom are presenting to C&B of Sitka Assembly
 - d. 9/11/01 David and Grace presenting to Ministerial Alliance
 - e. 9/12/01 Camielle to present to Chamber of Commerce
 - f. Sentinel article ran. Discuss that the article was re-written by editor and “masked” our project. Betsy and Aryeh will approach Shannon Haugland at the Sentinel and request a rewritten article run that is more accurate. David proposes headline of “Advancing Our Youth receives \$25,000 from Community”
- III. United Forces

Discuss that Ellen Frankenstein has been working with a grant from Ford Foundation through STA and that she recently completed a video. Betsy reports being impressed and Grace agrees. Discuss thought that perhaps we could involve the Youth from that video as a starting place for involving Youth in AOY. The grant is coming to an end. Pat notes that Ellen identified the “artificial walls” between SHS/MEHS/PHS and that she worked at breaking down these barriers.
- IV. Community Involvement/Education
 - a. Pat recommends that after “big splash” that we do an article inviting community involvement.
 - b. Discuss involvement/invitation to Julia Dawn to be active member of AOY as the CTC coordinator – she is skilled and could certainly help.
 - c. Julia Dawn of CTC has agreed to allow AOY 15 minute slot to present at the tentatively scheduled meeting on 9/20/01.
 - d. Discuss involvement of Peter Payton, STA Youth Director, and his full and impressive involvement with our community youth and that he would be a solid resource for youth involvement, participation and input.
 - e. Discuss that Karen Martinsen of PHS is a solid resource for youth involvement and that the students there get involved. Later discuss that PHS students are looking for a CWS project and that they could do this by helping introduce AOY into the community.
 - f. Isabelle Brady of SNEP regularly draws 40 youth for dance and regalia making. Pat agrees to bring Isabelle into the loop and group.
 - g. Hospitals?
 1. Camielle will approach Leslie Underwood of Sitka Community Hospital and also provide flexible funding brochures
 2. Grace will take care of involving/inviting/informing Sitka Medical and Moore Clinic and providing brochures.

V. Brochures for Flexible Funding

- a. We had 250 initially printed and we will likely run out/low soon. Discuss approaching businesses/SEARHC about donating the printing – especially if we come up with the disk and paper. Discuss options to cover the cost, i.e. less quality/expensive paper. Discuss different Printers in town.
 1. Aryeh will ask SEARHC Communications – but notes that they charge SEARHC departments, so makes no promises.
 2. Camielle commits ICS to print 200 in October.
 3. Pat addresses that most printers will want \$1.00 per page, and as is double sided will cost \$2.00.
 4. Diane will check at Costco the week of 9/5/01 for paper stock and cost. Will also check with Aurora Business costs and about possibly donating the printing or cutting us a god deal.

VI. New Business

1. Robert's Rules of Order
 - a. Discuss the idea of formalizing our process and decision making process – much like the decision to have minutes, reviewed, approved, etc. to assist in the historical nature of our process, but also in the decision making process. Discuss the use of RR as a guide to help, especially since there is money involved and that there are tough decisions to be made. Discuss that the RR formality helps when there is a disagreement. Decisions? Vote? Consensus? Majority? Pat - decide what constitutes a quorum, to make sure that enough there to meet, if not then have an informational meeting. David discusses that the voting members are those that have paid the money for the flexible funding account as was the original agreement at the beginning of this process. Dick discusses the CTC Board, and that we should be incorporated and also do 5013(c). Discussion then about how we got to where we are today and what we are wanting to do. We have identified weakness in our organizational structure and that this is a discussion of how to learn from and overcome the weaknesses so that the structure is sound.
 - b. There are 12 members. Aryeh will confirm those who have paid as they are the voting members:
 - 1) SAFV
 - 2) SEARHC
 - 3) DJJ/DFYS
 - 4) STA
 - 5) ICS
 - 6) NAMI of Sitka
 - 7) Sitka School District;
 - 8) City of Sitka
 - 9) Police Department
 - 10) CHARR
 - 11) Court System
 - 12) SPATS
 - c. Suggest that Quorum – identify as being 50% + 1 of paid/voting membership.
 - d. Agree to have votes of membership on 1) Robert's Rules of Order; 2) definition of quorum; and 3) Binding Decision. **These will be voted on at the next meeting on September 6, 2001, 1:30 – 2:45 at Centennial Building. If persons are unable**

to attend contact Aryeh Levinson by phone or email by 4:30 on September 5, 2001, and advise of your vote and he will bring to the meeting.

- d. Aryeh will invite Julia Dawn to meetings.
- e. SEARHC – Aryeh/Betsy are maintaining a binder of all minutes, notes, etc. for historical reference. All are encouraged to view.
- f. Agree to share the taking of minutes and distribution

VII. Set Agenda for next Meeting on 9-6-01 at 1:30 – 2:45 at Centennial Building

- 1. Review and Approve minutes of 8/23/01
- 2. Additions to Agenda?
- 3. Vote on use of “Robert’s Rules of Order” as guide for AOY proceedings.
- 4. Vote on definition of “quorum” for AOY
- 5. Vote on “Binding Decision” for AOY
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Presentations in the community – report back and status
 - b. Present to CTC on 9-20-01 – Who? What? How?
- 7. New Business
 - a. Future Direction
 - b. Strategic Plan – where are we going
 - c. Future Tasks

VIII. Adjourned.

Minutes taken and prepared by Tom Clarke 747-8608 ext. 12