

Advancing Our Youth Meeting Minutes for 3-7-02

Place: Davis room at Centennial Hall
Time: 1:30-3pm

Attendees: Randy Hughey, Josh Arnold, Priscilla Peele, Betty Henning, Patti MacPike, Aryeh Levenson, David Sliefert, Diane Climo, Tony Zimmer, Stan Filler, Sgt. John Carrico, & Andrea Thomas

Notified that they are unable to attend: Steve Bradshaw, Dick Wilson, Grace Brooks, Louise Brady

Guests: Jefty Prather, DFYS- S.E. Regional Supervisor

Have a quorum of 6 voting representatives.

Motion to accept agenda as amended was accepted by group vv (voice vote). Adjusted agenda included in meeting minutes below.

Old Business

1. Approved meeting minutes from February 7, 2002 meeting
 - Group unanimously approved meeting minutes by vv.
2. Reminder that AOY is used synonymously with Communities That Care and visa versa. (David)
 - David reminded group that anytime AOY (Advancing Our Youth) term is used that it is used synonymously with CTC (Communities That Care). CTC is a tool that the community is able to use through the AOY group
3. Distributed combined vision statement (mission statement was unavailable) of "Advancing Our Youth" and "Communities That Care" that the committee of David, Aryeh, Andrea, & Betty created. Committee's directive was to combine the efforts of both AOY and CTC groups and develop a vision & mission statement that are respective of each group's efforts.
 - Unanimously approved the vision statement as stated.
 - Mission statement will be emailed out to the group for approval this week.
4. Flexible Funding: A) proposal to expand guidelines; B) protocol change update; C) review; D) revised brochure; E) reminder to inform all staff from each agency who should be contacted. (David)
 - Unanimously approved to expand the guidelines for requests to be defined as, "any youth (or family) in "need" that requires assistance in areas that are not covered by other funding programs in the community." Priority will be given to those youth experiencing mental, emotional, or significant behavioral challenges.
 - Updated the group on how checks are requested from the city: David sends out an email to Dave Wolff (City finance director), Tony Zimmer (City Administrator) and the Family Focus Group. Checks requests must be in by Tuesday and picked on Friday of each week.
 - Unanimously agreed that funding requests would not be heard at the AOY meetings and that it is best done through the Family Focus group only. The group gave the brochure committee the creative license (green light) to make suggested changes.

- Patti suggested having the Family Focus group, who meets next week be the last approval for what should be the final revision.
- Reviewed brochure the few suggestions. One main point that was added was to emphasize that AOY would not pay for any court/legal related requests.
 - David reminded everyone to inform the staff of each agency about how to make a funding request and to contact David with requests (via fax, phone, email).
5. Response from Representative Peggy Wilson regarding the group's letter sent to her. (Aryeh)
- Received a positive response from Representative Wilson, appreciating us keeping her informed what we are doing and that the next time she is in town to set up a meeting with her.
6. Update on the FAS grant status (Aryeh).
- SEARHC will be the lead agency
 - The grant includes duties of AOY Coordinator position, so that position will continue. Andrea stated concern about having the two positions combined, since each has its own defined duties. David informed the group that the CTC Coordinator position, which is part of SPATS is a similar situation. The CTC Coordinator has its priority to CTC grant and the AOY portion is a secondary priority. As the CTC Coordinator David does not vote on behalf of SPATS due to his position as representing the community at large.
 - The group agreed that in lieu of not having a person to direct the AOY process, it is important to include the position in the grant until a more appropriate source of funding or position is created that better suits the position. Aryeh agreed to keep the position in the grant until something better can be arranged.

New Business:

1. CTC work groups and AOY folks will meet to discuss data collection, selection and distribution means in a few weeks (March 21 from 1:30-3pm) (David)
 - David reminded the group that everyone is welcome and encouraged to come go through the data for the upcoming meeting next week.
2. Pros and cons of institutionalizing an AOY representative in the city (i.e. Commission on Health) or elsewhere. (David)
 - David briefly pitched the idea to have a position institutionalized within the city structure that represents youth in the community. Similar discussions had been discussed over the past few years. Tabled the remainder of discussion for a future discussion.
3. Proposal to have Family Focus have its own MOA written that would better formalize the Family Focus group (Aryeh)
 - Tabled discussion until next meeting due to time constraints.

Miscellaneous:

- Agreed to add to the agenda next week: Expanding the AOY base of representation and how that may relate to proxy privileges (voting) for certain members.