

Advancing Our Community
November 8, 2007
1:30-2:30 p.m.
Centennial Hall

In attendance: Anita Didrickson – Raven’s Way, Gretchen Clarke – SEARHC Steps, David Voluck – YAS, Chris Baumann - SAFV, Kristi Coltharp – SCPS/Blatchley, Ryan Kauffman – Community Schools, Amy Christel – SAIL, Natalie Settler – SCS, Vicki Keele – DOL, Kayla Boettcher & Matthew Turner – AOC.

Announcements

SAIL is planning a Community Resource Training to educate new staff about services and resources available in Sitka. Possibly will be held on Dec 20 for 1/2 day.

Great American Smokeout – next Thursday, Nov 15, contact Amy Mosher at SEARHC 966-8721.

YAS has a new federal grant, youth transitional living to service “in-betweeners” – looking for new director and case manager. 747-3687

Facilitator announcements:

There will be a Steering Committee meeting in December.

Flexible Funding

Years ago, members of AOC put money into a common fund, available to meet needs of youth in community. Planning to do a “Lunch ‘n Learn” to spread word and educate.

- Designed for a caseworker, counselor, or agency rep to fill out the application and represent the client.
- Need to set date, bring in the right people to hear about this and know how it works.

Suggested time for the lunch would be 12:30 on a Thursday. Need to invite SCPS, YAS, SAFV, SEARHC treatment people, Salvation Army.

Community Indicators

Kayla is starting the process of updating the Sitka Community Indicators report. More info to follow soon.

AOC Strategic Goals/Plans

Agencies that have state grants from DBH require some involvement with a coalition. Future funding based on success in past for meeting strategic goals. AOC had established 3-year goals over 3 years ago, but they have expired; if DBH sees that, agencies get zero on those evaluation items. The group discusses ways to update AOC’s goals in the easiest possible manner. Matthew and Kayla emphasize that there has to be member energy behind doing this to put meaning into it.

M&K will try to gather excerpts of grant requirements from agencies, then call a meeting and use that gathered info as well as some coalition visioning to update goals/strategies.

Hames PE Center:

Active task force working to keep recreation center open. Clean up day scheduled for Saturday, Nov 10. At the Assembly meeting on Nov 27, the Assembly will consider signing a new lease with SJ to operate Hames for another year.

SEARHC Steps program - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System study results

Survey required to assess health of SE Alaskans; study done in SE, excluding Ketchikan. In this study, oversampled Native population to get good read on what's happening (85% Native response, 15% non-Native)

Main points:

Smoking rate higher in SE, including among 18-24 yr olds

Obesity/overweight rates are higher than state (based on height/weight ratio, BMI)

Low rates of 5-a-day fruits/veggies

Twice the state rate of pre-diabetes/diabetes

Equal with state on physical activity: 60% meet CDC requirements for activity

Contact Gretchen Clarke for handout with full results – 966-8629.