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Meeting Minutes
8-16-2012

Attended: Steve Baldwin, Jennifer Berven, Kris Bowers, Nicole Douglas, Neil Fisher, Sandi Fisher, Roy Gillis, Natalie Hilton, Joan Hoglund, Ed Jefferies, Sam Mays, Van Mominee, Christy A. Smith

Welcome and Introductions: Jennifer Berven welcomed everyone and asked that they introduce themselves.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Ed Jefferies made a motion to accept the July minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Roy Gillis. The motion passed.

Johnson City Neighborhood Partnerships Update: RSVP to Steve Baldwin: sbaldwin@johnsoncitytn.org if you plan to attend the August 28th meeting. Lunch is at 11:30 and the meeting begins at 12:00 noon. The Prevention, Intervention and Treatment subcommittee is now the Community Education and Prevention subcommittee. The other subcommittees remain Law Enforcement and Community Policing and Neighborhood Restoration. There are six neighborhoods being served; South Side, Carnegie, Mountain Home, (Wilson Avenue), West Davis Park, (Carver), Legion Street, and Memorial Park.

Neighborhood Partnership Activities with Insight: We will include promoting more activities for youth ages 14-18. We will turn the Late Night event into a "Late Night Challenge" to challenge parents, churches, etc. to provide healthy, structured and supervised activities in conjunction with school-related social and sports events. This would provide teens a safe place in their neighborhood. In September the Neighborhood Partnership will have a meeting with the faith community and other service providers that are underfunded or not funded in hopes of stretching resources by working together. Steve would like Jennifer Berven to attend neighborhood meetings to find ways to work together with the various communities.

Washington County: We need to have more information about what is going on in the county and how we can partner with them to achieve common goals around reducing underage drinking and illegal drug use. Jennifer will try to connect with Ruritan.

Red Legacy: They have signed a lease. The house will open on September, 1st. They are currently taking applications. They would especially like one or two women with six months or more of sobriety to act as mentors and role models for those whose sobriety is more recent. Rent and expenses will be about \$100 dollars a week. Applications are posted on the Oxford House website. Applicants must be sober for at least 30 days and agree to follow the rules. It is not a treatment program. The success rate is 85%. Weekly planning meetings for the Red Legacy: Oxford House Appalachia are continuing at the Insight Alliance office every Tuesday at 5:00pm.

Youth Update: Jennifer had a Youth Serving Organizations Sector Meeting on August 15th. There were three organizations attending and three that could not make it. A suggestion to add Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts was made. Insight needs contact information on these organizations. Attendees shared information about ages served and activities/services they provide and told what is new this year. Watch for the minutes and report from the meeting.

Future Insight Alliance Meetings: Jennifer will be going through the Chamber's Leadership program for 8 months. Program dates are always on Thursdays, so she will not be able to attend the Insight Alliance meetings. After some discussion, it was decided to continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 3:30. The Insight Alliance staff members can facilitate the meetings in her absence. The exception will be the upcoming September meeting which will start early. Plan to arrive by 2:45. We will start with a webinar about Alcohol Outlet Density and community impact. This will be from 3-4pm. There will be a short business meeting from 4-4:30pm.

DUI Arrests: Many are repeat offenders. There have been 57 repeat offenders so far this year. Some people such as Ed Bradshaw (158 arrests in one year) literally drink themselves to death. Just to transport them to jail takes two hours, gas, officers' time, and paperwork. Ed Bradshaw cost the city millions in medical and incarceration expenses over his lifetime. A "wet shelter" would save money in the long run. Jennifer Berven and Christy Smith will work up a fact sheet detailing what repeat offenders cost and a budget for initiating a wet shelter.

HEROES Initiative: HEROES is beginning the fifth "no cost" extension year. Most of the services have been preserved for this year. Greg and the Core Management Team are working hard to find ways to sustain the services into next year and beyond using alternative funding sources, inclusion in Johnson City's budget and looking at grant opportunities.

Recent Events:

- August 10th and 11th- Umoja Festival- Officer Oasis- Approximately 20 to 25 served each day
- August 4th- Coalition for Kids Health Fair- Handed out 400 flyers for the "Talk about it" campaign
- July 27th- Hands Across the Border Road Block—Greene County had their 1st Roadblock on 11E. There were five DUI arrests with 558 cars being counted
- July 22nd-July 26th- CADCA Conference in Nashville- Christy and Jennifer attended all week
- July 21st- Health and Wellness Fair at the Farmers Market, Johnson City- The turnout was pretty good despite the gray day and impending storms. 102 people came to the booth: 60 females and 42 males. 50 of the participants were in the 45-64 year age group.

Upcoming Events

- The Governor's Highway Safety Meeting took place on August 14th. Sullivan County will have the first NO REFUSAL weekend road blocks for the region. There will be seven separate road blocks from September 1st-September 4th in Sullivan County. The Booze It and Lose It campaign starts August 17th- September 4th throughout state of Tennessee. There are 613 traffic fatalities in Tennessee so far this year—32 more than last year for the state. Of those 613 fatalities, 259 were not wearing seat belts.
- There will be a sobriety checkpoint in Piney Flats Friday night, August 17th
- Cherokee United Methodist Church will hold a community information fair October 6th. Steve Baldwin will be the keynote speaker. There will be a panel on domestic violence and substance

abuse. This is in conjunction with Impact Tri Cities, a non-profit that was set up to serve as a resource center and volunteer center. Different service providers will be coming to the facility. A counseling center will be set up Tuesday, August 21 at 7PM. A family support group will be starting. It will meet every other week. A rotating panel of experts will facilitate the groups. It will be solution oriented.

- The week of September 10th we will be doing our survey in the schools. We may need volunteers to serve as proctors. Let us know if you are interested.
- September 4th at 10am- Johnson City Senior Center (location to be confirmed as the new facility may or may not be open then), Neil Fisher will be hosting a group for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Drug Disposal: The DEA nationwide disposal will be Saturday, September 29th. Locally, one site will be at the Police Department parking lot in Johnson City, and one at the Jonesborough Fire Hall. Both locations will be accepting items from 10AM to 2PM. Posters will be ready for distribution soon.

**The next Insight Alliance Meeting will meet 3:30pm
Thursday, September 20, 2012 at Trinity Assembly of God Church
(also serves as the Community Education and Prevention Subcommittee
of the Neighborhood Partnerships Initiative)**

**The JC Neighborhood Partnership Initiative (formerly Weed and Seed)
will meet Tuesday August 28, 2012 at Carver Recreation Center at 11:30
Lunch will be provided to those who RSVP to sbaldwin@johnsoncitytn.org**