

## **SAFE Coalition Meeting 12-13-11**

Present Were:

Sarah Smith – Washington County SAFE Project Coordinator

Deb Bodensteiner – Hamakua Place/Faith Community

Susan Junis – Education Coordinator, RVAP

Dovanna Siren – Therapist, Hillcrest Family Service

Shawn Loy – Nurse, Highland High School

Jacqueline S., Lynnette Kennedy, and Ladd Ousey –Washington High School students

Renella Crawford – HACAP

Crystal Woller (via speaker phone)– Dept. of Public Health

Mary Ann Williams - CPPC

Roberta Sloat

Lea Benson - MECCA

Deb Werning – Highland Comm. Schools

Kelly Galiher – Mid-Prairie Schools

Cassie Creasy – United Way Volunteer Program Coordinator

### Agency Introductions/Updates:

Lea Benson shared working at Highland Schools with 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mary Ann from CPPC shared info on next Circles of Support, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in December due to holiday, all welcome for meal, childcare available, community engagement.

Deb, Highland Counselor shared upcoming parent meeting, Jim Jilenski, presenter. Renella shared info of Saturday Kitchen to be held first Saturday of each month at UP Church, hosted by area churches, free meal. Cassie of UW Volunteer Center shared about upcoming MLK Day on Mon. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, to include volunteer agency fair, quilt square project, painting of Stevens center, all activities to be at Hamakua Place, 12 – 3 p.m. SAFE Coalition will have a booth. Sarah also said that the CADCA annual conference is in Washington D.C. February 6-9. The SAFE Coalition is able to take one Coalition member to DC for training, contact Sarah if you are interested or want more info.

WHS students reported on Rachel's Challenge event held Dec. 6 at High School. They really enjoyed the presentation and the Peer Helpers will continue to keep the message alive by doing student activities, student journals, and topic specific things for each challenge. Deb reported on community event, about 40 attended. A special thank you to Washington Enrichment Foundation for donation of \$150 Hy-Vee gift card to provide refreshments. Discussed ways to improve attendance; nature of invitation important, to personalize, in person to civic groups, phone calls, flyers to students, personal invite to Ministerial Assoc/Churches, and so on. A huge thank you to AmySarah Richardson for being our emcee.

### Business:

WACAN - merge with SAFE Coalition. Tax ID number applied for, next step is election of officers to serve on SAFE board. Nominations from the floor include:

President – Deb Bodensteiner  
Vice President - Crystal Woller  
Secretary – AmySarah Richardson  
Treasurer – Sarah Smith

As all officers were running unopposed, motion was made by Kelly Galiher, seconded by Lea Benson to approve slate of officers as presented; all coalition members present voted yes, motion was carried. New Articles of Incorporation were presented by Sarah, after discussion, motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Crystal to approve with changes and also follow up with an attorney to look over and advise. Motion carried unanimously. Also, a sample of By-Laws was presented, after discussion and changes/additions, decided to have an attorney review and help with appropriate wording. If complete, By-Laws will be presented at next month's meeting for approval.

Discussed changing our meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, motion was made by Crystal Woller, seconded by Deb to approve. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, meeting adjourned.

Lea Benson & Deb Bodensteiner