

Youth Continuum of Care Coalition

February 20, 2008 Minutes

In attendance: Amy Lopez, Belle Huitt, Christina Hernandez, Frank Valley, Iris M. Martinez, Jackie Jones, Jennie Duran, Jessica Schilling, Joe Castillo, Jose Gonzalez, Lillia De La Garza, Linda Copado Rincon, Lorie Garcia, Lupe Valdez, Monica Cruz, Norma Guerrero, Pat Cruz, Patricia Garcia, Paula Mersing, Roxanne Aguirre, Vicky Leon Guerrero, Virginia Longoria.

Welcome/Introductions:

Linda Rincon called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. All present introduced themselves.

Reading/Approval of Minutes: Minutes from December 5, 2007 were reviewed. Belle Huitt made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Norma Guerrero seconded, and all approved the minutes.

Program Presentation: Belle Huitt from the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services presented information in regards to the services they offer. Belle Huitt offers services to foster youth. In May their department will host a conference for foster youth in collaboration with Worksource. For more information you can contact Belle Huitt at 361-878-7453 or lula.huitt@dfps.state.us.tx

Committee Reports:

Membership: Christina Hernandez reported that Mary Welch & Patricia Garcia did not meet in regards to membership. However, Christina Hernandez welcomed new members: Lorie Garcia & Joseph Ward. Linda Copado Rincon will remind the Coles principal on having a student from the school participate in the YCCC meetings.

Resource Directory: No report was given because Mary Welch was not present.

Gaps in Services: Linda C Rincon reported the Drug Free Communities grant renewal is due March 1st (Mathis grant). Committee will meet after meeting.

Old Business:

TAMU-CC's NORML Group: Linda Copado Rincon reported that there has not been a response from TAMUCC. It has been decided that we will all be on the look out for future fliers & bring it back to the attention of YCCC members if needed in the future.

Drug-Free Communities Grant: Monica Cruz reported on March 17th-20th a Spring Break Recreation Program will be held at the Event Center Cafeteria. Program is for youth in 1st-6th grade from 10-6 p.m. Also, on March 14th there will be a Spring Break Kickoff dance for 5th & 6th graders from 5-7 p.m. & 7th & 8th graders from 7-9 p.m. Jessica Schilling mentioned the Youth Advisory Committee is getting more involved in the monthly meetings. Also, there will be an alcohol free weekend on April 4th-6th. Any YCCC member interested in doing presentations or volunteering needs to contact Monica or Jessica.

Corpus Christi Police Department's TABC Grant: Linda C Rincon reported that CCPD is submitting a request for a proposal to continue the Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Grant. The Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Coastal Bend Aids Foundation & Communities In School are in collaboration & working on the grant together. CBAF is targeting the college age students, The Council is working with parents and CIS is working with middle & high school students. Vicky Leon Guerrero will begin presentations in March. If any agency is interested in collaboration for fiscal year 2009 need to contact Linda C Rincon.

Face Conference and Family Fun Day Planning Committee: Belle Huitt reported Family Fun Day will take place at Cole Park & everything has been cleared through the City of Corpus Christi. Also, Belle offered her office can print and has paper for certificates & programs for conference. Paula Mersing reported Subway will be served at the FACE conference with a total cost of \$373.99. Amerigroup & Superior Health will sponsor Subway food. Connections will cover the cost of the chips. Drinks will be bought. Paula also mentioned YCCC member Jose Gonzalez can cover water if needed for conference. Padre Behavioral will cover continental breakfast. Per Norma Guerrero ice has been ordered as well as the inflatables. Roxanne Aguirre reported 74 people are confirmed for the conference. Also, a banner will not be needed. Iris Martinez reported she will follow-up on grant that was written to Coca-Cola as well as Walmart & Sam's Club. Linda C Rincon will call Bill Miller BBQ to order the food for the Family Fun day. She reminded everyone to keep track of all expenses for the record keeping of our grants. Linda will also check in the supply room for any last minute items that may be needed for the events.

Prioritization of School-Action Steps: Linda C Rincon asked each YCCC member to get in their group & meet to fill out the timeline sheet that is to be done by August 2008. Those who were not at the last meeting got with Christina Hernandez & she assigned them to a group. All group members met & came up with a plan, a chair & co-chair for each group.

Group #1-Patrica Garcia (chair) & Jessica Schilling (co-chair)

Group #2-Amy Lopez(chair) & Belle Huitt & Christina Hernandez (co-chair)

Group #3-Iris Martinez (chair) & Monica Cruz (co-chair)

Community Coalition Partnership Grant: Linda C Rincon stated The Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse – Coastal Bend submitted the grant on February 14, 2008. Notification should be given to those awarded by June 13th.

New Business: TAMUCC DFC Proposal

Linda C Rincon reported that the Executive Committee (Iris Martinez & Christina Hernandez) met with Joe Miller & Jim Needem with TAMUCC. They are interested in applying for a DFC grant for Taft, TX. YCCC can not oversee two grants at one time. YCCC members were asked if they knew of an existing coalition with at least 6 months of experience.

Announcements:

- Patricia Garcia distributed a flier in regards to the “Community Empowerment Meeting on 3/31/08 at the Saltwater Pavilion at 810 Seabreeze Dr. from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- The Fall/Winter 2007 newsletter for the Build Up Mathis Program was given to all YCCC members.
- A flier was also given for “A look at the health benefits of volunteering” on Thursday 2/21/08 from 6-8:00 p.m at Sacred Heart Church in Mathis.
- Frank Valley with New Vision gave all YCCC members a folder with information in regards to the services they offer.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2008 at Solomon Coles High School at 12:00 p.m. The host of the meeting will be Planned Parenthood of South Texas. There will not be a meeting in March due to FACE Conference & Family Fun Day.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m. Jessica Schilling moved and Vicky Leon Guerrero seconded.