

Union City Healthy Youth Development Council Meeting
Minutes of September 14, 2010

Present: Abbe Biebel, Kristy Kaliszewski, Alisa Willey, Krista Byler, Sam Myers, Jessica Reynolds, Lisa Doult, Mary Baird, Carl Kallgren, Rebecca Mallon, and Michele Swarm.

Carl and Sam commented that Healthy Youth Development in Union City has proven itself as a strong component in helping Union City Students achieve success. This is done by the commitment of the many community members and Union City School District Staff members.

- 1) **Pennant Project:** This project coordinated by Katie from CORE, highlights graduating seniors Post-Secondary Career Choices. Pennants have been collected from schools that UC Graduates (from the last 2 years) are attending. The pennants will have the names embroidered on them and then will be hung in the hallways of the Middle/High School. This is an ongoing project with many questions still being worked though. The goal is to show current students what types of Post-Secondary educational choices are available for anyone to attend. The average of graduating seniors attending a Post-Secondary Education is 62% per grade (this is over the last few years).
- 2) **Drop Out/Truancy Grant:** Abbe reported the project is going well. Connections between students needing connections and community members are working but need to be continued. There are many students that can't wait to get out at the end of the day, through the commitment of community members has strengthened this. The grant is written for a 50% reduction in both Drop Outs and Truancy. We have successfully achieved this.
- 3) **Community Mentoring/Teen Drop In Opportunities:**
 - a) L8O – First United Methodist Church every Tuesday from 2:45 – 5 pm
 - b) Teen Rock Program – Game Room on Main Street Monday nights 6 pm
- 4) **School Based Health Center:** Mary reported Union City, Wayne Middle School, and Girard School District received a planning grant from Erie Community Foundation Grant for a School Based Health Center (SBHC). After compiling community, students, and parent survey data and completing the additional Erie Community Foundation grant, two of these schools will receive SBHD implementation grant from the Foundation.
 - a) The group is currently involved with getting Parent, Student, and Community survey's completed. Hosting focus group discussions and planning a community forum.
 - b) The hope of the SBHC is to make health care comprehensive and continent for the students of Union City. The partners of this endeavor, Community Health Net, St. Vincent, Union City School, Penn State CORE, and many others have been working diligently on this project.

- 5) **Sustainable Garden Project:** Krista Reported
- a) Krista reported she will be working with Sara and Adagio Power Up on the Fuel Up to Play 60 program. This program is in the middle school.
 - b) The Elementary school received the fresh fruit grant again from PDE. Three days a week students in grades K-4 though 5th grade receive a different fruit or vegetable to taste.
 - c) The sustainable garden when great this past school year. Many students at the Elementary school students are extremely responsive to trying the new fruits and vegetables. Mrs. Mangol has volunteered her classroom to start seedlings for next year. Families did volunteer over the summer to tend the garden. There were many wonderful comments written into the journal. Some of the Snap-Tite workers that walk during lunch went over during the summer and weeded the garden.
 - i) Krista additionally reported she has been working on the connection between area farmers and the school.
 - ii) Lisa commented the L8O group visited Boas Fields in Mercer County. The youth group has committed to starting a garden this next summer donating the entire product to the food bank.
- 6) **Parks and Recreation Com.:** Jessica reported The Parks and Recreation Com. Works a incorporating the parks into their activities.
- a) Through out the summer the group hosted Movie Nights. The turn out for this past year was not great. They are questioning the timing of these (possibly connecting the nights to other community events).
 - b) Additionally the Parks and Rec. Com are in charge of the Halloween Parade organization. The group is discussing incorporating Main Street businesses to hand out candy on Main Street as the parade goes through. The costume judging will be at the Fire Hall. There also may be a 'pet costume' and 'family group costume' categories.
 - c) The summer recreation program incorporates math and science in the programming. One of the trips was to Dry Gulch in Findley Lake, NY. This location was a great experience for the students. It is a mining experience for gems and arrow heads. Some other trips are the Erie News Stations, Jumping Jungle at Asbury Woods, and Deer Park. There are community service projects incorporated into the week.
 - d) The Parks and Recreation will be involved with the Kids area of the Gathering at French Creek 2011.
- 7) **L8O Community Youth Group:** Lisa reported
- a) The movie 'To Save A Life' will be shown at 1st United Methodist Church. The movie is about teen High School issues and what effects there are on other students.
 - i) There was a discussion on hosting a Parent training nights to teach parents how to monitor their students electronic social messaging.
 - b) ZOE – a High School community youth group meets on Wednesday's at the church. Dinner is served, the night begins at 6.
 - c) CREW 6-7-8 is for Middle School students. They meet once a month at the church. Events are designed for middle school students.
- 8) **Adagio Health:** Rebecca reported they had clinic hours during the summer at the Family Support Center. The turn out was not as high as usual. Rebecca handed out flyers advertising the upcoming dates. She will be working with the Peer Educators on advertising these clinic times.
- a) Adagio Health is part of the SBHC planning group.

- 9) **Safe Horizons:** Michelle reported they are working on their school programming. This programming includes lessons on bullying and healthy life choices.
- a) There is a 4th Grade programming and a High School Teen Dating Program
- 10) **SPIF/SIG Grant:** Kristy reported the next Community Meeting will be held September 23rd. The group is looking for additional community support for the project. The 1-888-under-21 number is still operational. This is an anonymous tip line.
- a) Kristy is looking into having parents sign a banner pledging they support no alcohol served to minors. These would be possibly done at a football game. The banner would then be hung at a visual community location to show support of the program. There is an underage drinking issue in the community, and we need to work together to combat the problem.
- 11) **Union City HYD:** Abbe reported
- a) HYD week is October 4th – 9th. In years past UCHY has hosted a Family Fun Night. We will be doing this again. If your organization would like to participate, please contact Abbe. This has typically had about 60 families attend. The game night will be held October 5th from 6-7:30. The goal of the night is for families to interact with each other and other families. We advertise the event to students in grades K – 8.
 - b) The HYD group would like to host a Community 40 Developmental Asset Training. This training would not only include information about the assets but also the positive impact the Asset Framework has had on the students. Please consider when, where, and what time this training session could be most beneficial.