

## Union City Healthy Youth Development Council Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2010

**Present:** Gwyn Horner, Rebecca Mallon, Joan Quickle, Elsie Dudich, and Brad McGary. There were corrections to the previous meeting minutes. Those corrections are below.

Judy Peer Helpers are doing Dog Biting Training. Once they are trained they would like to come to the Elementary School to talk to the students about the ways to approach dogs.

Union City Pride is teaming up with Corry YMCA and other organizations on putting fitness center upstairs of the borough building.

Change to the February Minutes– Brad talked with Harold Love. The Adagio Center is officially called The Union City Medical Services by Adagio Health. The prom packs are educational packets put together for students. These are not ‘fun party packs’ intended to get student to engage in sexual activities, but instead to give them information on safe sex practices and abstinence information.

1. **Elementary School Report:** Gwyn reported the Wizards are coming May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Elementary School Sponsored a Family Unity Night. The turnout was lower than normal (about 150 as compared to 240). Those in attendance enjoyed the experience. The Elementary will be coordinating with Lisa from L8O on Haiti relief packs. Joanna reported the HS has already done this and it was successful. Gwyn reported the Student Council has been working on some ‘Going Green’ initiatives. There will also be a PSSA survival party. April 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Success Night at the Elementary School, this is a replacement to the Open House that was canceled due to illness in the fall.
2. **Union City Adagio:** At the March 4<sup>th</sup> clinic date there were about 15 attendees. She would like to open up again on April 30<sup>th</sup> to make sure she is available before the Prom for students and community members. They are also offering gas cards for clients that would like to make an initial appointment in Edinboro. Brad reported Harold will be working on going through the 16438 zip codes to inform those clients they can get some services at the Union City site. The goal of this is to build up the Union City Clinic so clients can get comprehensive services in Union City. Adagio also offers more services than the adolescent reproductive services and they would like to expand on those service in Union City.
3. **Family Support Center:** Brad reported
  - a. They are coordinating the kids’ area at the Gathering French Creek. They would like to get students involved in the planning so the appropriate activities will be there. Gwyn invited Brad to one of the student council meetings to discuss ideas with them.
  - b. The summer recreation program was hosted at the school grounds. Therefore and students attending Summer School could come right from school to the rec program. This year they would like 3 groups of 15 with different age ranges (typically 6-12 year olds). This year’s program will not necessarily offer lunch for the students. This is because students attending the summer school are served lunch at the end of their school day. There will be an orientation night to explain to students what the program will contain. After this year the center will be looking at implementing their full 8 week, hour a day camp. The new camp will be a therapeutic recreational program to help students not only enjoy their summer, but also learn some behavior modification skills. The goal is to set this up for next year.
  - c. Brad reported they have hired three more positions at the center. These new hires will add additional coordination to programs already at the center and assist with new programs.
  - d. Elsie reported the PHd Parenting program has started again. This program is an intense program that first looks at how the parents were parented and then working from there. They have heard both attendees really benefited from the program but it was very intense program with some

challenging questions. Teen parents can also participate. Gwyn suggested the center finds a spokesperson that has participated in the program that would be a good advocate to other parents to attend the Phd program.

4. **High School:** Joanna reported they will be hosting assembly in April pertaining to seat belt safety and drinking and driving. They will also be hosting another assembly closer to graduation talking about drinking at graduation parties. Elaine Surma will be conducting a district wide assembly dealing with Cyber Safety/Bullying on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Brad asked the FSC be notified as the times, there are people at the center interested in attending. In May the MS will be hosting an 8<sup>th</sup> grade career night. Senior Project night is Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>. Prom will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. Baccalaureate will be June 8<sup>th</sup> with Graduation June 9<sup>th</sup>. Joanna also reported they are looking into possibly starting a Child Development class for next year – how to take care of a baby. Elsie and Chris Joy (from Corry) along with the Family Support Center, would be good contacts for the HS to use as Child Development program planning.
5. **Poverty Initiative in Erie County:** Elsie reported the Erie County Poverty initiative will be meeting again in March. The group will then split into 4 different task forces to address the issues. These task forces will meet for a while and then come together again to make a difference.
6. **Summer Recreation Program:** The Parks and Rec group will be doing their play camp again this summer. There was discussion on coordinating the VBS programs with the summer camp programs.