

Advisory Board Minutes
November 18, 2015 12:00 PM
CRD/GCCC Office-Maplewood Center

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Shaun Hahn.

2. Roll Call

M. Sheeran (GCCC: Thrive), K. Hopper (GCCC: Thrive), S. Hahn (Youth Serving Org.-FRC), Y. El-Masry (Youth Serving Org.-FRC), K. McGuire (Youth Serving Org.-FRC), Z. Riddle (Youth Serving Org.-FRC), J. Ross-Music (Youth Serving Org.-FRC), K. Mitton-Hahn (Youth Serving Org.-FRC), R. Cox (GCCC: Parent Work Group), K. Reed (GCCC: Navigator)

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by S. Hahn, seconded by J. Ross-Music to approve the meeting minutes of October 14th, 2015. Carried unanimously.

4. Work Group Reports

- Assessment/Evaluation – M. Sheeran discussed that the Community Needs Assessment Evaluator continues to work on collecting data. Her in-office hours will be Tuesdays 5-9pm. Angela Simmons, MSW Intern from WSU is helping her with the project. Letter to Stakeholders designed to explain what the community needs assessment goal is and need to reach out to different areas in the community for specific data. A lot of data has been collected already.
R. Cox raised question about who the letter was for. M. Sheeran indicated that it is for specific people.
- Communication/Training – M. Sheeran indicated that the high school principal okayed GC Health Class Presentations, but nothing has been set up as of yet. At least one teacher expressed interest in the presentations; M. Sheeran will reach out to her again. The principal also approved the displaying of the roll-up banners in the GCHS commons area. These will be placed before the school breaks for the holidays.
- Community Outreach – K. Reed and K. Hopper indicated that Trunk-or-Treat was a big success. Candy and incentives from the GCCC and Thrive were given out.
– M. Sheeran discussed that she made a brief statement about Thrive and the Navigator Program at the Circle of Care meeting. She explained that the Circle of Care is a group of interfaith leaders that talk about community resources in the Wayne and Oakland county areas. Madonna University and Garden City Hospital is involved. Jen indicated that the FRC is connected but does not attend the meetings.
- Environmental Strategies – K. Hopper discussed that the Great American Smokeout is on November 19th and that it designed to encourage smokers to make a plan to quit on that day. An informational board was designed by K. Hopper and information about smoking was displayed on the table. She has also been posting articles about the event and how to quit

smoking on social media (Facebook). S. Hahn discussed that the Jr RAVE Club created a display for the Great American Smoke Out. He shared that the kids painted pictures of lungs, half healthy and half unhealthy, which will be hung on the wall in place of the Red Ribbon Week poster. K. Hopper will post a photo of the display on the Thrive Facebook page on November 19th.

– M. Sheeran indicated that the stickers for the Sticker Shock event have been received and are the wrong color green. K. Hopper is contacting Inkorporate Graphics to receive 300 stickers in the requested neon green color. K. Hopper indicated that the Handy Mart and the Express Liquor Store have agreed to participate in the event. The Mid-Warren Liquor Store is only willing to allow 10-15 stickers and posters. M. Sheeran indicated that Thrive would like to hold the event in the first week of December. Jen indicated that the FRC would announce the event to kids that need community service hours to help.

- Fundraising/Sustainability – M. Sheeran indicated that she updated Amazon Smile.
- Parent – Z. Riddle discussed the Strengthening Families youth (ages 7-11) and parents meeting. With the youth, they discussed age-appropriate drug issues with the youth; they touched on alcohol, things around the home, marijuana, tobacco, and the difference between medicine and drugs. The leaders listened to what the kids had to say, corrected any misconceptions about drug use, and answered questions. After, the parents and youth met together to recap. Many parents were surprised by how much their children knew about drugs and alcohol. Y. El-Masry indicated they discussed different drugs and handed out packets of information provided by Thrive with the parents group. Many parents indicated drug and alcohol abuse was present in their families and that they have had conversations with the children about the importance of not using drugs. Y. El-Masry told the parents about Thrive to see if any of them would be interested.
 - J. Ross-Music discussed a survey given out to parent groups that assesses their familiarity with the coalition and the resources it provides. These surveys need to be updated with the current Thrive logo.
 - R. Cox indicated the need to determine the interests of the parents and community. He and his wife participate in the Garden City Crime Watch via Facebook. Plans on attending the meeting as the parent work group on Saturday and will inform the community about the coalition and what it offers to see if there is any interest.
 - Z. Riddle talked about the Youth Pathways Substance Use Education Group. Youth work with their parents to create posters about the consequences of substance use. Materials are provided for the youth and parents to do research before creating their posters. Z. Riddle has noticed that this project is a good ice breaker to get youth and their parents talking about things that are happening in their lives and in the schools. A lot of great dialog.
- Youth – Z. Riddle discussed how several of the FRC groups created a poster for Red Ribbon Week. He indicated to the youth that this is something they take seriously and that the youth should identify things that they really respect about themselves. Youth came up with very well thought out responses.
 - S. Hahn discussed the Jr RAVE Club's involvement in the Great American Smoke Out earlier in the meeting.

5. Old Business

- Welcomed the new Thrive assistant, Kimberly Hopper.

6. New Business

2016/17 Action Plan – M. Sheeran indicated that she would like feedback on the 2015/16 Action Plan to help create a more up to date and effective plan for 2016/17.

7. Announcements

- b. The Santaland Parade is Saturday, November 28th
- a. Mandatory meeting for volunteers for the Santaland Parade Tuesday, November 24th at 7pm

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by J. Ross-Music at 12:42 PM, seconded by K. Mitt-Hahn. Carried unanimously. Rob was hungry.