

Project ACE

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Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions

Present: Jason, Jennifer, Tracie, Rich, Lawrence, Matt, Bobbie, Miranda, Becky, Lydia, Eldon, Ron.

2. Update on Members: Denise would like to be kept updated on Project ACE minutes/events, but can't commit to attending meetings at this time. Group decided to keep the Suicide information on the website along with the Gambling for people to reference for the time being. It was mentioned to contact Roxanne Ficek for state gambling. She would have some possible contact information on Gambling if we need speakers, etc.

3. Conference Planning – possible dates for a Spring Conference

This group has decided they would like to host another one-day conference in the spring. Possible dates will be checked on by Jason for availability of May Hall – Dorothy Stickney Auditorium at Dickinson State University. Topics to address: Ron VanDoorne discussed a presentation he had done on Gangs. Matt Schaefer had previously discussed Chris Grant from SD on Gangs, Violence, and Drugs as a possible presenter. Also mentioned was “Broken Windows” Bruce Talbot. Becky discussed the possibility of doing something with Prescription and over-the-counter drugs since this is a huge problem area.

4. Rachel's Challenge - information – Becky discussed Rachel's Challenge as a possibility to bring in for the next conference. Updated the members on the prior month's discussion. (See Oct. 11 Minutes).

Update: Tracie has been in contact with Trinity High School and South Heart schools about the possibility of bringing in Rachel's Challenge on December 5th. Time has not been set as of yet. They will meet with students for 1 ½ - 2 hrs. Presenting and then with 60 students and advisors for the rest of the day. They will also do a parent session in the evening. Cost of this is \$3500.00 plus an additional \$900 for follow-up six months later. They do not have funding for the \$900 and are wondering if Project ACE could pay for some of it. Tracie asked how much funding does Project ACE have available for the next conference. Becky indicated it was around \$3000 and would get the total amount for the group. We had just paid for the Website for another year which was around \$300. Becky also indicated that the dollars would be needed for another conference if that is what the group would like to do again. During the past two Project ACE forum and Conference we had other grant dollars available to us which paid for almost \$10,500 to cover printing, media, signs, presenters, food, etc. We do not have those funds available to us for any upcoming events. Group discussed what to do about supporting Trinity/South Heart by looking at other possibilities for funding. It was mentioned the possibility of inviting other schools in the region to this and perhaps they could chip in to cover some of the costs. We also mentioned the possibility of having a booth display from various groups. Other ideas are: working with students Councils, Advertising with Cebe S. and the Roughrider Report, doing a news release for the Dickinson Press.

For the spring conference other contacts mentioned were: Marathon Oil, Stallion Oil, and other Oil Companies in the area. Discussed asking them to partner with us and combine it into work force training. Ask what we could do for them in this area. Rich had mentioned we have problems in the work force with potential employees that cannot pass a drug test. We could

make this part of the program for the businesses in our area. We could offer to have them present about their company for the conference or do a booth display of what they are about. Eldon agreed to contact Stallion, Ron will contact Marathon, Tracie will contact Consolidated. Others to contact: TMI, SW Water, Weatherford.

The members decided to make contacts with some of the businesses mentioned and all meet on Friday, November 16 at 10:00 at Community Action Partnership to see if anyone was successful in finding other partners for funding.

5. Other Information/news

Discussion on adding the minutes and the agenda's to the website for members or anyone to look at. Becky will talk with Tammy about doing this soon.

Discussion on how much funding is there for Project ACE. Funding leftover from the Conference in May 2006 is 3,171.60. We just paid for the Project ACE website with Hurtdidit.com which was \$277.40.

6. Next meeting date – Nov. 16, 2007 @ 10:00 @ Dickinson State University