



Meeting Summary
Sept 13, 2022
5:15-6:30

Attendance: Julie Taylor (Education), Chris Hughes (Law Enforcement), Jess Marass (Parent), Jaso Onken-Covert (Business), Susan Pomatto (Health), Erin Lemezis-Schadewaldt (Parent), Kaiden Chojnacki (Youth Representative), Kristia Santiago (staff), Jen Wichita (staff), Alexis Speth (staff), Kathy Comeau (staff)

Apologies: Stephanie Pinnow (Youth Serving)

Welcome and Introductions. Jess Marass was welcomed as the newest board member.

Consent Agenda: The staff report and previous meeting summary was emailed to everyone to review prior to the meeting. There were no objections, comments, questions, or corrections so the reports were accepted as written.

Budget Review

The federal grants were reviewed. The DFC grant is near the end of the fiscal year and it is noticeably overspent in several categories due to SWCAP taking all of staff fringe from this grant. Kathy will speak to SWCAP finance dept to ensure that staff costs are accurately reflected in the grants they are working under.

The general funds balance was noted. It was explained that the general funds are made up of left over funding from the SOR, AWY, MOUD grants and stipends received. The United Way funds are also in the General Funds but are restricted to the United Way activity.

Community Survey

A community survey is conducted every couple years to assess the communities views on youth substance use. The postcards with the QR code for the online survey will be mailed on 9/14/22. Everyone is encouraged to complete the survey. There will be a drawing for two \$50 gift cards for those who provide their details after they complete the survey. Their contact information is not connected to their survey which is anonymous.

Y2Y and Safe Clubs

Paul Huffman resigned as the Y2Y advisor so the position will be posted. There are several staff from the Middle and Elementary School who are interested in helping but there needs to be a point person in the high school as well. There was a discussion about whether Kaigen C. could serve as a point person.

Jessica Gardipee is the middle school counselor and runs the SAFE club for both middle and high school. The SAFE club proposal will go to the school board in October to make it an official school club. The new high school art teacher may be a possible contact person for the high school SAFE club members.

Jen W. gave Jessica Gardipee information on the leadership opportunity for students. Jessica needs to check with admin since this is offered through Better Brodhead.

There was a discussion about why everything needs to go through Sarah Wadsworth as this seems to be counterproductive, especially since she is currently unavailable.

MOUD Project

The video that Julie T. created was submitted with the survey results and introduction to Monroe Clinic for use at their Sept 13th meeting. However the agenda was over full so this information will be presented at a noon meeting with providers. There were a few questions about the availability of providers and medication in Green County.

The video was shown to the board. It is currently on the Better Brodhead You Tube channel. It was suggested that we could promote it to the public as well when the time is right.

Mission Statement Update

The working group met and made progress on developing a new mission statement. The group will meet again on Sept 19th to finalize the statement. The working group is made up of Jason Onken-Covert, Stephanie Pinnow, Julie Taylor, Krista Bethke, and Kathy Comeau.

Agreements

The rental agreement was mentioned but not discussed.

David Vobora from SWCAP had his lawyer create service and fiscal agreements between Better Brodhead and SWCAP. Historically we have used a Memorandum of Understanding to outline expectations and responsibilities. With the Executive Director of SWCAP retiring in December, David felt it was prudent to create more detailed documents to protect the interests of both organizations. After several meetings to clarify some of the language in the documents, the current document includes the revisions in red. The board was asked to review the document and feedback by email to Kathy C. any concerns or questions. There was one spelling error noted. Brodhead is spelled wrong in the title of the fiscal document.

Both documents need to be signed before Oct 1st which started the next fiscal year.

Julie Taylor made the motion that Kathy C. as Program Director should sign the documents on behalf of the Better Brodhead Board of Directors. Jason Onken-Covert seconded the motion. There was no objection, so the motion passed.

Insurance

Jason O. explained that the insurance is up to date. There was a delay in the insurance company receiving the check from the insurance broker, but it has been resolved. The insurance provides coverage for general liability, special events, and Directors & Officers (D&O). There was a discussion about special events and the community supper planned for February. Jason recommended checking with Kory Sagen the insurance broker.

Monroe Activities

There was some questions about Better Brodhead doing activities in communities outside of Brodhead. It was explained that when Better Brodhead started as a coalition there was only one grant – the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant. This grant was focused strictly on the Brodhead School District area. Since that time, Better Brodhead has receive several federal grants that are countywide: the STOP Act grant, and the CARA grant. The STOP Act grant is focused on supporting LGBTQ+ youth in Green County and creating a GSA in each school district in the county. The CARA grant is focused on supporting the Hispanic population in Green County to raise awareness of prescription drug misuse.

There was some discussion and it was suggested that an article should be put in the newspaper explaining that Better Brodhead's activities extend countywide.

New Items

Hygiene Supplies request

There was a request from Jessica Gardipee for hygiene supplies at the middle school. In the past, these supplies were provided through a grant from SARP. Chris H. said he could ask if GCLEA would have funds for this. There was some discussion about whether the request was for funds or supplies. It was suggested that if it is for supplies, the Dollar General could be asked to put a barrel out to collect supplies. It was also suggested that this could be a senior project. This request should be made through the form that Jen W. created, so we can get more details about what is being requested and determine if this fits with our mission.

Art Contest

Better Brodhead is hosting an art contest for students 6th -12th grade. The theme of the contest is How will you remain drug free this school year? Students are asked to create a piece of artwork depicting their interpretation of being drug free. The contest will run until the end of September. Alexis S. will pick up the entries from the schools on Oct 3rd. She is looking for 3 board members to be judges for the contest. Please email Alexis if interested at aspeth@betterbrodhead.org

Teen Connexion

Stephanie P. is creating a new PTO organization at the middle school called Teen Connexion. Lisa Semrow and Jessica Gardipee will be attending the meetings along with interested parents. Better Brodhead would like to have one of our board members attend these meetings as a way to identify ways to support this group and the school. Jess M. volunteered to attend.

Information Table at Open House

Kristia S. staffed an information booth at the elementary school during Open House. She said there was a lot of interest from students and parents. She was able to distribute a lot of information.

The middle school did have a table set up for Better Brodhead, however we were not notified so no one was there to staff that table. Since we must go through Admin for anything we do at the schools, we have to be invited in.

Homecoming Parade

The homecoming parade is Sept 23rd from 3-4. Better Brodhead is creating a float for the parade. Currently Alexis S. and Jess M. are involved in creating the decorations. They are looking for more people to get involved. They will be at Alexis' house on Saturday from 10-3 to make decorations. In addition, we need 4 people to walk alongside the float for safety reasons and to hand out flyers. Alicia is unable to attend, so currently Kristia S. is the only person walking. We need three more people. Contact Alexis if you are able to help.

Community Supper is Feb 23rd from 5-7

There will be a taco dinner. Alexis S. is looking for businesses to ask for donations. Any ideas, please email Alexis.

Next coalition board meeting Oct 11 at 5:15.