



Better Brodhead Board Meeting

January 15, 2019

Board Members and Staff Present: Jen Wichita, Julie Taylor, Brian Bennett, Debbie Williams, Allison Ommodt, Peder Johanson, Christina Tway, Kathy Comeau, and Erin Menzel

Old Business:

- 1) Board reviewed December meeting minutes, Allison moved to approve, Julie seconded motion passed.
- 2) Marijuana Paper; 9 members expressed interest in joining the Marijuana work group. Discussion on the options for meeting dates. Board decided Monthly meetings on Sunday during the evening would work best, options for times will be sent to the members of the work group, the options are as follows; 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 7pm.
- 3) Narcan and Community Competency training report. Erin and Kathy reported that attendance improved significantly for both trainings. Fifteen people attended the Narcan training and nine attended the community competency training.

New Business:

- 1) Community dinner; due to the tentative date being the end of February and not plan set for that date Erin suggested the dinner be delayed. Two options were suggested; Cinco De Mayo celebration or having a Tony Hoffman who is a speaker who talks about addiction come in this spring or fall. Discussion about this developed into plan to collaborate with the April 27th Fiesta already scheduled and being organized by Pasada. Erin will follow-up with Heather Lawrence regarding this collaboration. Board also discussed the speaker come this fall to have time to raise the funds to pay for the speaker, cost is \$5,000 for one speech and \$2,500 for the second speech. Kathy suggested if we had sponsor's that Better Brodhead could pay the cost of travel. Board discussed having a school session and then a community speech. Will discuss further when we have more information and a possible date from the school.
- 2) Bank account: Current signers for the bank account are Debbie Williams, Jen Wichita, Kathy Comeau and will be adding Erin Menzel. Jen will attempt to go to the bank this week to sign the paperwork as well as Erin.
- 3) By-law review: Kathy recommends that the board members review the by-laws due to a few board members not attending meetings. Discussion regarding the best course of action. Debbie recommended that the language used in the by-laws and other documents be consistent, as this

can be confusing. Peder suggested that we contact those board members that are not following the by-laws via a letter from the Executive Board Chairperson. This letter would remind the board members of their responsibilities and give them a chance to resign from the position. Debbie and Jen will draft this letter. Board also discussed that the secretary position should be placed somewhere else on the document as this is a staff responsibility. Debbie stated that our mission statement in the by-laws is not the same mission as the one the coalition currently uses. Debbie also mentioned that as a coalition we have not worked on dating violence and bullying even though that was the purpose of starting the coalition. Peder brought up that may be due to the DFC grant, discussion led to possibly changing the mission statement. Kathy advised due to the DFC grant we must keep the verbiage "youth substance use". Will discuss more at the next meeting.

- 4) Podcast update: Erin advised the board that she has three interviews lined up. Also, that member Jon Lindley will be helping with editing, the intro and exit song. Erin asked the Board for input on the name of the podcast, discussion followed. Allison suggested, Our Podcast, their Future. Peder suggested that anyone in the county would be a great subject for an interview. Board members decided podcast should be published every other week, length 20-30 minutes and 1st podcast published by February 8th.
- 5) Mental Health of Students: Discussion regarding the upcoming meeting with school staff and Erin. Kathy and Jen relayed to the Board the situation of the mental health services that have been offered to the school district this past year. The mental health situation in the high school and what the coalition can do. Brian stated that as an officer it is disheartening as most of the calls for service that the PD deals with are due to mental health issues. Brian stated that something that might help the students and staff is to have a school resource officer. Board discussed this and trying to find a grant that would pay for some of the salary for a school resource officer. Brian also advised the Board that Janesville PD did a presentation last week regarding SIT, which is an LE based training on talking with those with mental health issues. Chief Hughes will be sending Brodhead Officers to a training to become certified. Kathy advised that she will be working on an interagency agreement between the school district, Brodhead PD, Green County Sheriff's Office and possibly Probation & Parole regarding trauma and students. This agreement would allow these agencies to share certain information when student have experienced trauma outside of the school.

Roundtable Discussion

No discussion.

Julie moved to adjourn meeting, Allison seconded, meeting adjourned. Next meeting February 19th, 2019 at 5pm.