

**Together for Jackson County Kids  
Coalition Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 20th, 2007  
UW-Extension office  
3:30pm-4:45pm**

**Present:** Joni Thur(Chairperson/DHHS), Michelle Schoolcraft(DHHS), David Gorski Jr.(Youth), Carla Michaels(DHHS), Lisa Castle(DHHS), Lacie(CESA #4), Patrick(Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County), Deb Jones(UW-Extension), Mara Waldera(VISTA), Monica Lobenstein(BRF School District/DFC Staff), Lisa Hodge(DFC Staff)

**Meeting called to order:** 3:30pm

**Introductions-** Introductions and welcomes were done around the table.

**Previous Minutes-** Approved (Monica, Carla)

**Grant Writing-** A grant writing committee was formed at this meeting. Members include Michelle Schoolcraft, Lisa Hodge, Monica Lobenstein, Joni Thur, and Mara Waldera (volunteer). The grant application will likely be due in March 2008 and with Deb leaving, this committee will have a lot of work to do. The first meeting will be announced at a later date and more recruitment will be done.

**Recognition Ceremony –** Members were given recognition awards for their participation. Staff were also given awards. Joni wrote a poem for the staff.

**January Meeting Topic-**

- o Aprilage Progression Software- Monica will show the software to the group.

**Miscellaneous –**

- o *Strengthening Families*-Sally and Luane will pass the torch to Diane Skoug in January. We will need a 3<sup>rd</sup> person for facilitation until Diane can be trained. Mara will contact other counties to see if they have anyone willing or available to help out. The new SF sessions start in February of 2008.
- o *Community ATOD Assessment*- The survey group has quoted a price of approx. \$5,000 to \$6,000. This would be a mailing survey. If we started the survey process now, we could have the results by Spring. TFJCK will be able to pay for about half of this but we will need to ask other organizations, that may be able to benefit from the information as well as TFJCK, to join in paying the total cost. Kristi Hansen has been notified and will see if her department has anything in the budget to put towards this project. We will also contact Duane Waldera. Lisa will find out if a phone survey would be cheaper.
- o *YRBS*- Monica sent the letters to school Administrators. She has not heard back from them yet. Her next step will be a phone call to each. We plan to have the survey conducted in March.
- o *Boys and Girls Club*- Program Director position will be open. Resumes will be accepted thru December 31<sup>st</sup>. Apply in person or online.

**Agenda Items for LT meeting-**

**Meeting adjourned:** 4:45pm

**Next Meeting Date:** Thursday, January 17th, 3:30pm, UW-Extension office

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Hodge