

**Together For Jackson County Kids
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4th, 2009, 10am
Jackson County Health & Human Services Office, Conference Rm. Main A**

Present: Karla Gearing (DHHS), Monica Lobenstein (UWEX), Michelle Schoolcraft (DHHS), Patrick Guarino (BGC), Lisa Hodge (DFC),

Meeting was called to order at 10am. Leadership Team members discussed all issues on the agenda. Minutes from the previous LT meeting were approved. (Patrick, Karla)

Quarterly Meeting follow-up- The first “quarterly” TFJCK meeting was a success! Everyone liked the “clickers” presentation, which we will change-up a bit and use again. After the presentation, participants were split into 3 groups:

- *Engaging The Community* (Monica Lobenstein group leader) - This group discussed upcoming Town Hall Meetings, PLUNGE, and membership drive. It was discussed that the next Town Hall Meeting would take place sometime in the Fall of 2009 and would focus on UAD and taking action on the issue. TFJCK would like to host a PLUNGE sometime in the Spring of 2009. Monica and Lisa may observe a PLUNGE in LaCrosse County on March 27th, 2009. This will give us some insight for our own PLUNGE. Youth also expressed interest in working on smaller projects within the community.
- *Sustainability* (Lisa Hodge group leader) – This group discussed the upcoming grant reapplication and the writing of the Sustainability Plan for the coalition. Input was gathered from participants on ways to sustain the coalition and raise money. Among these ideas were asking the County to add the coalition to their budget.
- *Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol* (Suzanne Goldsmith group leader) – This group discussed CMCA projects such as Parents Who Host Lose The Most, creation of a CMCA committee, and creating t-shirts for the group. This group will also follow-up this meeting with a “Poster Day” at the Middle School where students will create anti-drug posters to hang in specific locations throughout Jackson County.

The next quarterly meeting is planned for April 16, 2009. We are hoping to have this meeting at the high school with a new “clickers” presentation that will give us opinion data from youth. We will ask for ideas on the next billboard, events, and we will ask more data questions.

Interview Panel Needed for hiring of Strengthening Families Coordinator- Interview panelists obtained from this meeting are Monica, Lisa, Karla, and Luane from a previous meeting. The next round of SFP sessions will be held this summer at the BG Club of Jackson County.

Miscellaneous-

- Patrick expressed concern that Boys and Girls Club board members do not have a clear picture of what TFJCK is doing. Since board members were not present at the last coalition meeting, TFJCK will do a presentation for them to help them to better understand what we are doing for the community.
- Does Jackson County need a youth based website? One that will list all events suitable for youth. This may prevent overlap in activities and wasting energy on something another organization is already doing.
- Patrick also mentioned that it may be a good idea to advertise our meetings and use a story from the last meeting to draw attention to what we are doing. Meetings could also be placed in the Community Calendar on Channel 4 and in papers.

Agenda items for next Leadership Team meeting-

- **April Quarterly Meeting place/time/agenda**

The next Leadership Team meeting – Wednesday, April 1st, 2009, 10am, DHHS Building

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lisa Hodge