

Door County Partnership for Children and Families (DCPCF)
Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 9, 2016

1. Since our last meeting in September, we would like to welcome Candis our new Partnership Coordinator. We realize there are some new attendees and would like to welcome and thank you for your interest. We also welcome and thank everyone who has been continuing to be involved in the Partnership.
2. Committee Reports:
 - a. Collaboration Committee – Vicki Dantoin
 - i. The goals of the Collaboration Committee include: helping all providers and partners work together better and facilitating training for community provider partners.
 - ii. This year, the Partnership held the Poverty Simulation, in the future, the Collaboration Committee would like to bring similar education opportunities to providers in the community. We are currently looking at diversity and a program called “Boxes and Walls” from UW Platteville.
 - iii. The Collaboration Committee has also been involved with the creation of the community calendar for public events and we hope to soon see a calendar for provider training and events.
 - b. Parent Education Committee – Tenley Koehler
 - i. The Parent Education Committee is looking at a Parent Café or some focus groups for parents to attend.
 - ii. Recently, the first series of Raising a Thinking Child was completed with 8 parents. An executive report provided to attendees details some of the excellent feedback from parents who completed this series.
 - iii. The I Can Problem Solve program is the child curriculum that couples with the parent Raising a Thinking Child program. Through the I Can Problem Solve program, we hope to gather data about development of children by following them a few years.
 - iv. Thankfully, the Partnership was able to secure funding to support the use of the Raising a Thinking Child and I Can Problem Solve programs.
 - c. Community Resources Committee – Beth Lokken
 - i. A demonstration of the Door County Library website’s Community Resource Page (http://doorcountylibrary.org/community_resources) shows how the Partnership has been able to pull together all of the community’s resources.
 1. Links for agencies are in multiple locations.
 2. The page can be searched if desired.
 3. An agency’s website information will be updated if accessed through the Community Resource Page. However, if the route or link to an agency’s website changes, Beth must be notified to change the link on the Community Resource Page.
 - ii. The Door County Crisis Alert Program through Human Services has requested that forms be available for parents to provide information about how their children can be located in the event of a crisis. This information will be sent to all emergency

personnel to keep on file. Eventually, the forms may also be used for adults with special needs and adults with dementia.

1. Access to the forms will be located on the Community Resources Page, but the link is not yet live.
2. Forms will be available in pdf format and will be able to be printed, filled out, and sent to emergency personnel.
3. There may also be a link to fill out the form online, which will be submitted directly to Arleigh Porter's e-mail. However, it must be noted that this information may not yet be completely secure. The library is researching a way to get the responses to be more secure.

d. Marketing Committee – Amy Kohnle

- i. The Marketing Committee is hoping to get 200 people to “Like” the Door County Parents “The Village” Facebook page by the end of the year. If you “Like” “The Village”, you may be eligible for a drawing to win a 30 minute massage from Door County Medical Center.
 1. Please note, if you have events that you want to be publicized on the Facebook page, please send them to Candis.
 2. There will also be “Tidbit Tuesdays” on the Facebook page to provide parents with advice and resources.
- ii. The Marketing Committee also presents a new poster to help get the word out about the Partnership. Please take posters to distribute or display.

e. Executive Committee – Mary Ellen Smith

- i. There are no new funding updates to report at this time.
- ii. Mary Ellen, Ann Smejkal, and Candis met with Achieve Brown County staff. Achieve Brown County is the larger and more advanced version of the DCPCF in Brown County. The following information was learned from the meeting with Achieve Brown County.
 1. The DCPCF is on the right track through its activities.
 2. There is a need for strategic planning.
 3. It is important to use data. – What are we doing? Are we evaluating? Is it working?
 4. The DCPCF should not be afraid to start small.
 5. The DCPCF should be an “and” organization. Being an “and” organization means that even if we are not doing on something right now, does not mean that we won't do it later.
- iii. The Executive Committee plans to have a strategic planning session in January. A survey was sent out to community partners to elicit group input to prepare for strategic planning.
 1. If you have not yet completed the survey, you have until January 15 to complete the survey before the strategic planning session.
 2. A copy of a general overview of survey results was provided to attendees and reviewed.

3. The survey asked about the resources that are available in the community, what partners would like to see in the next 2 years, and the benefits from collaborating through the Partnership.
3. Door County Parents Website Demonstration – Rebecca Davis
 - a. Rebecca shared a personal story about how the website was created to help parents find resources. It was eventually decided to share the website with the Partnership.
 - b. The website links with “The Village” Facebook page.
 - c. The website has featured content, links to parent groups, parent resources, educational materials for parents, and links to the Community Resource Page.
 - d. The website also shows what the Partnership is doing, houses a public community events calendar, and contains a Contact Us page that links to Candis.
 - i. If you have a family friendly community event (not fundraisers) to post on the community event calendar, please contact Candis.
 - e. Soon, the website will have a provider tab that will require a login so that community provider partners can post provider events and trainings on a separate calendar.
4. 2017 Partnership Meeting Dates
 - a. Next year’s Partnership meeting dates will be March 10, 2017; June 9, 2017; September 8, 2017; and December 8, 2017.
 - b. All meetings will be on Friday mornings at 8:15 at the Justice Center.
 - i. Please note, in the occasion that an event supersedes the Partnership meeting, there may be need to move the meeting, please pay attention to e-mail notifications.
 - ii. Also note, the March 10 meeting may be a bit longer than usual because there will need to be time for committee reports and to discuss strategic planning results.
 - iii. Partnership meetings are open to the Public. Please feel free to invite others to attend in the future.