



LiveWise Regional Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Ralston Administrative Central Office 9:00-11:00 a.m.

1. Called to Order by Jennifer Talarico for the President at 9:02 a.m. Brad resumed facilitation at 9:15 a.m.
2. Introductions made, those present included: Jona Beck (Region 6 Behavioral Health), Nate Bock (UNO), Kathy Burson (PRIDE-Omaha, Inc.), Marilee Cloonan (Ralston Public Schools), Brad Conner (Pap-LV Schools), Joan Friedman (SAFE HOMES), Crystal Fuller (Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare), Jeff Helaney (Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare), Toni Hernandez (Omaha Public Schools), Dawnna Hill (Project Director), Mandy Leamon (Heartland Family Service), Jeany Morton (Big Brothers, Big Sisters) Cindy Ossino (Sarpy/Cass Health), Jennifer Talarico (HALO-HFS), Rachel Olive (Campfire USA) Jarell Roach (NE Counterdrug Program), Rachel Rouse (Project Extra Mile) Paulette Moore (Sarpy County JJC), Taira Baker (P-LV Schools), Mark Frillman (UNO Counseling), Sharon Weaver (Heartland Family Services-Sarpy), and Melanie Berry (Sarpy County Probation).
3. Additions to Agenda: Brad added to new business the discussion issues of Recovery Fund monies and the 501 (c) 3 status. Jeff added the discussion of the Substance Abuse Block Grant for FY10.
4. Approval of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Meeting Minutes for the record- Marilee motioned to approve the minutes for the record, seconded by Sharon Weaver. Minutes approved for the formal record.
5. Sub Grantee-Report Out-Region VI Block Grant
  - a. LiveWise 40, a Washington County Coalition- No report / representation received.
  - b. PRIDE-Omaha, Inc.- Kathy Burson reported that they have sent out graduation/prom information to community outlets and now have after prom bags available. Currently they have disseminated 1800 bags and are filling another order of 900. If you would like any of these resources, contact PRIDE. MIP Party Patrols are typically slower in the months of January-February; they will be resuming normal activity for the end of March through June, concurrent with the seasonal activities of prom and graduation. Since January, two MIP Hotline calls have been received. Kathy reported that there now is a conflict with a State provided hotline and potential duplication of services, which will be soon discussed for next year's planning. Joan reported for SAFE HOMES that they have redesigned the brochure for the program and there are now 11 more families utilizing the online network through [www.safehomes.org](http://www.safehomes.org) . She reported that Central Middle School in Millard's network has been up for about a month now.
6. Standing Committees Report Out
  - a. Marketing/Promotions (Jennifer Talarico, Chair)- Jennifer reported that meetings are scheduled and volunteers that have expressed an interest in this committee have received these upcoming dates. The meetings will be every other month opposite of the regional meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 9 a.m., location to be announced.

- b. Outreach (Kathy Burson, Chair)-Kathy reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Hall meeting on Underage Drinking is coming up on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gloria Goodwin is our moderator and our panelists include: Dr. Corbin from UNO (College Perspective); Pastor John Nelson from Columbus, Lorelle Muetting (How to talk to your kids); Angie Bellinghausen from ABH (Treatment Perspective); Dr. Ed DiSimone (Brain Development Research) and two youth from PEM after they perform an opening skit. Hy-Vee has donated refreshments and Starbucks has donated coffee for the evening. There will be a planning meeting at 11 a.m. this morning to finalize some remaining details for this upcoming event, if anyone would like to join us for planning.
7. County Coalitions Updates/ Report Outs
- a. Cass County- Kathy reported that they had their strategic planning day on 02/28/09 at Mahoney State Park and they now have a successful documentation of their goals and objectives to guide the efforts down in Cass County. The next meeting is 03/23/09 at 6 p.m. at Keno.
  - b. LiveWise 40, a Washington County Coalition- no report/representation.
8. Old Business
- a. Membership renewed for 2009 if have not filled one out since January- Dawnna shared forms for those that haven't been able to return their membership forms for 2009 yet. Please submit the membership forms if you haven't already for 2009. There is specific information / opportunities that are disseminated to members only at times.
  - b. Recruitment for Data/Information Standing Committee Chairperson-Brad reported that there is no set meeting as of right now and reviewed a historical perspective of tasks related to this committee. Brad asked for someone with this skill set to step forward to hold leadership in this area. Please let us know if you are interested in checking out this leadership role.
  - c. State Incentive Grant funding update (Youth Analyst, March deadline)-Dawnna provided an update of SIG status, reviewing the process thus far and sharing the strategic plan updates on goals/objectives. Nate Bock added the strategies that UNO is hoping to put in place through the funding opportunity/ partnership. He shared for anyone that is interested in more information you can go to [www.uno.collegealcoholprofile.com](http://www.uno.collegealcoholprofile.com). Nate also will be forwarding a training date that is upcoming to Dawnna, which will be sent out to all interested on binge drinking. It is on April 30<sup>th</sup> and will be on skill building for Coalitions and Communities. Dawnna asked that Coalition members be mindful and facilitative of any connections to workplace sites that serve the younger work force (18-25 year olds) so that the binge drinking strategies can be applied not only at the university campuses, but also the general working public.
9. New Business
- a. CIM Grant submitted by Jennifer Talarico Update/ Timeline- Jennifer provided an overview of the Compassion Institute of the Midlands Grant that was submitted last week, due on Monday. This was written as a youth capacity building grant with a youth summit, having R5 Productions for training youth, and a Coordinator to begin the organizational efforts. The award date is 05/01/09 and monies have to be spent down by 09/30/09. An update will be sent out to members regarding the status of this opportunity. Thanks to Jennifer for her initiative in taking leadership with this funding opportunity.
  - b. DFC Grant to be submitted today- Dawnna shared that the DFC Grant will be mailed today, since it is due on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in D.C. Dawnna shared the goals and objectives that have been written into the plan addressing Marijuana and Prescription Drug Abuse in our communities. Notification of the award will be in September of 2009. Updates will be sent out to members as available.

Thanks to many of the members that contributed hours on this grant application and opportunity to address these strategies in the communities.

- c. Community Vendor Events Upcoming (Parent Involvement Conference, Parochial Parent Awareness Network)- Dawwna will be staffing a vendor table on March 21<sup>st</sup>, from 7:30-12:30 at the PIC at Ralston High School, and again at the PPAN parent meeting night on 03/25/09 at Roncalli High School. LiveWise continues to be providing educational resources to parents and the general community at monthly events.
- d. Legislative Updates on ATOD issues (Project Extra Mile & PRIDE-Omaha)- Rachel provided legislative tracking sheets and reviewed some of the current alcohol pending legislations. Kathy disseminated and discussed the 2009 tobacco related bills and provided updates. Kathy also shared the CBS flier on alcohol advertising as an update. Mandy added and inquired about Claire's responsiveness to removing the flasks from their stores. She reported receiving a letter from the store indicating that their products and store is geared towards a 23 year old. Discussed that the products are still being marketed to underage youth and to contact stores and business offices to continue to put on pressure for removal.
- e. Substance Abuse Block Grant FY10- Jeff reported that an email was disseminated re: the renewal of the block grant funding. He stated that changes in the work plan can be discussed in the narrative piece, and that communications can be made with Region 6 on this renewal. He also reported that on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, up to 4 mini grants funding opportunities would be made available. Look for the RFA to be released, which is open to community Coalitions. Dawwna will forward out to members to assess interest in applying. He lastly reported that this Thursday and Friday, a Summit is being held at Mahoney on Cultural Competence.
- f. Marilee Cloonan/ Leonard Hawkins – CADCA Review and Available Resources- Marilee provided a brief overview of her attending CADCA. Both her and Leonard's reviews are attached to the agenda, and if you are interested in receiving resources on these areas, please contact them directly, or be in touch with Dawwna to tap into those resources.
- g. Recovery Funds-Brad reported that he has been involved with some teleconferencing on the federal monies that will be made available to schools, having 18% of the funds be discretionary in regards to safety purposes. He stated that the governor has the discretionary advisement on where these funds go, and that folks could ask for them to be utilized in prevention or other purposes rather than road funds, etc. He will keep us posted on any developments or opportunities for advocacy in this area.
- h. 501 (c) 3 status- Brad shared that we are looking for a lawyer connection due to Creighton University's legal team not being available to assist in this process any longer. Nate stated that he may have a connection that he will check into and get back in touch with Dawwna.

10. Announcements / Community Updates / Networking Time- No other announcements/ updates were made.

11. Next Meeting – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 9-11 a.m.

12. Adjourned at 10:45 a.m. Thanks for attending!