

Kane County Coalition for Health & Wellness
Policy Workgroup Minutes

October 5, 2007

Katie Neisen, Mary Morrissey, Chris Hoff, Bob Darby

-Phone conference, next time ask people to rsvp to committee chair ahead of time so that we're not waiting on anyone

-Old Business

FDA Regulation of tobacco products – Hearing in subcommittee → no date set yet for a vote out of committee

State Tobacco Law – Legislators turned back attempts to exempt casinos from smoke-free Illinois bill.

Mental Health – National Depression Screening day is 10.11.07. All hospitals in Kane County are participating.

Alcohol Pops Policy Statement – Is the IPLAN goal really an IPLAN goal? Action steps will include forwarding to coalition members

-New Business

Need to formalize our process for identifying legislative priorities for coalition.

How do we select what we approve for support of the coalition?

Policy workgroup doesn't want to be a rubber stamp for any policy action that comes before the group – need to focus on making educated decisions

Need to find ways to tie-in action steps and activities to coalition members. Suggestion was raised to include current activities that community groups are working on in the policy statements.

Discussed seeking out only IPLAN goal related policies

Chris will draft recommendations for policy workgroup to focus on. Present at next steering committee meeting.