

Kane County Coalition for Health and Wellness
Full Coalition Meeting
Meeting Minutes
9:30-11:30 am on 3-5-2007

Members present:

Next Meetings: Steering Committee April 2, 2007
 Full Coalition June 4, 2007

1. New name for committee will be “Kane County Coalition for Health and Wellness”
2. There was a request to have an Executive Summary posted on the website
3. Announcements:
 - a. New website posted for Coalition and can be found at (<http://www.kanehealth.com/coalition.htm>). Meeting dates and times for Full Coalition, Steering Committee, and Workgroups (Promotion, Screening Assessment, Policy and Steering) will be posted and updated. In addition, pdf files of meeting minutes and powerpoint presentations used in meetings (if any) will be made available for download and viewing. E-invitation link will be setup so that convenient electronic invitations can be sent out to other potential members (faith groups, etc.).
 - b. Prepare a summary of IPLAN on to the website.
 - c. Send any additional suggestions to Maureen Obuchowski at obuchowskimaureen@co.kane.il.us
 - d. A suggestion to provide work progress updates on the website for each workgroup to be informed of work of other workgroups, new projects, and continued work. Steering Committee representative mentioned that this suggestion will be brought forth to the Steering Committee to discuss.
4. Work group updates:
 - a.
 - b. Policy Update (Mary)
 - i. [2 Handouts] Introduced 2 tobacco-related policy statements to the Full Coalition to adopt. Issue 1 discussed the federal legislation to give the FDA the power to regulate tobacco products. Issue 2 supported smoke-free laws in all places of employment. There was a motion to vote separately on both statements. Both issues were seconded and passed unanimously.
 - ii. A suggestion was made to develop policy statements with a common template which would include “IPLAN Goal/s”, “Policy goals”, “Action steps”, and a “Disclaimer”.
 - iii. [Handout] Illinois Public Health Association and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (IL) have put together a joint letter for organizations to sign and fax in to their congresswo/men and senators to support the bipartisan bill. The bill is committed to protecting kids from tobacco. Asked for individuals and organizations to write or call into Hastert’s office in

support of bill. So far in IL, 10 out of 19 congresswo/men have signed on as co-sponsors. Still trying to target Costello, Bean, Hare, Roskam, etc. Please try to get organizations to sign on to this joint letter and fax it into 773-238-2455.

- iv. March 28 is Youth Action Day (smoke-free policies) and Kick Butts Day (www.kickbuttsday.org). Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU), is a peer-education group to discourage tobacco use. It was suggested to incorporate this organization and perhaps high school volunteers to go through the community door-to-door to create a database of organizational or individual supporters of smoke-free bills.
- v. A suggestion was made to forward any policy alerts that any coalition member receives to the rest of the coalition or to recommend signing on to receive updates to ensure coalition is well-informed of all upcoming alerts.
- c. Health Education and Promotion Update (Donna)
 - i. Put together a Health Education Survey for all school districts to try to get a baseline of information for health education or wellness programs offered in schools. U46 has attempted to do this using Survey Monkey as a tool to collect the information. The Survey Monkey is generally free unless one goes beyond a request limit.
 - ii. Formulate and distribute a corporate wellness plan for local businesses. Check to see if any insurance companies have incorporated any wellness program within their coverage or if there is any existing wellness programs, screenings, newsletters, or incentives for employees to participate in health surveys.
 - iii. Distribute information to faith based groups and request that they communicate their needs with health and wellness education or programs.
 - iv. Put together a Speakers Bureau list and create a database of experts and individuals who are willing and able to visit various communities or groups to inform about specific health topics. A suggestion was made to create a generic wellness program module and make it available to local businesses or the general population. Another suggestion was made to send out the Speakers Bureau Survey out by email to all Coalition members.
- d. Assessment Update (Tina)
 - i. Create a toolkit to standardize screening throughout Kane County to generate data to assess progress of workgroups over the long-term
 - ii. Need more representation on the Assessment Workgroup
 - 1. Local hospitals, FQHC and clinics, United Way, etc.