

Kane County Coalition for Health and Wellness

Policy Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

4-2-2007

Members Present: (7) Katie Neisen (American Heart Association), Patrick De Moon (Kane Co. Medical Reserve Corps), Maureen Obuchowski (Kane Co.), Chris Hoff (Kane Co.), Mary Morrissey (Tobacco Free Kids), Bob Darby (Edward Hospital), Marian Adly (Kane Co).

Next Meeting: 10:00 AM, Monday, May 7, 2007 by teleconference. The teleconference will be coordinated by the Kane County Health Dept. To call in, dial 630-444-1180. The conference ID is 660626 and the password is 43349.

Policies addressed:

a. Smoke Free Laws

- i. Local: Aurora coalition will begin soon.
- ii. State:
 1. ACTION: State smoke-free legislation (SB 500) passed in the Senate by a vote of 34-23. The bill currently moves on to the House, however, they are on a 2 week break and there is a concern of that there might be a loss in momentum and that lobbying may intercept our efforts. It was suggested to target certain State Representatives to urge them to either vote in favor of the bill or to moderate their opposition.
 2. HB1769 failed. This bill would have prohibited smoking in cars carrying children.
- iii. Federal FDA-Tobacco: Bill will be “marked up” in April. Before the process begins, we can focus efforts on Representatives Hastert and Bean to moderate their opposition. Maureen will attempt to contact his office to set up an appointment with Hastert (Hastert’s legislative affairs director in DC Chris Sarly (sp?)). (Bean’s LA Sotos (sp?)). Possibly bring 2 pastors to the Hastert meeting. Discuss possibly organizing a Town Hall meeting with regards to certain topics and legislation.

b. Mental Health

- i. Bob Darby – There are several mental health legislative issues being discussed and passed in tiers in Springfield. Main issue focuses on geriatric mental health issues. There are discussions on the elder abuse bill (with an elder abuse task force throughout State). Since Naperville and Kane County already have elder abuse bills, perhaps we should coordinate meetings to standardize them and propose information for the State bill.

c. Teenage Drinking

- i. In light of current events, the Coalition should take action. Much discussion on creating tougher penalties and coordinating with other organizations and agencies to contribute to any future legislation. (i.e. Illinois Coalition to Stop Underage Drinking, Illinois InTouch network, etc.)

- ii. Maureen – Announced a teenage drinking forum that will take place at St. Charles North High School (coordinated by Breaking Free) on April 12th at 6:30pm. Publicize to entire coalition to publicize.

d. Obesity, AED, etc.

- i. Katie – discussed with Mark about resource issues and policy guidance on legislation with regards to nutrition, AEDs, ...
- ii. Mary – Perhaps the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation & Dance (IAHPERD) may have sample policy or information regarding nutrition, obesity, PE policies, etc.
- iii. Mary – The Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC) is cosponsoring a youth town hall meeting “Shaping America’s Youth” on May 19th at downtown Marriott (9am-4pm) to develop a Plan of Action.
- iv. Maureen – “Activate Elgin” is funded by the YMCA Activate America Program to combat obesity in Elgin.
- v. AED Legislation:
 - 1. HB258 – This bill will provide a matching contribution by the State Board of Education to cover half the cost in AED training.
 - 2. HB1058 - This bill will provide a matching grant of only 50% of the cost from any school (private or public including universities), park districts, and municipal recreation department to assist in the purchase of AED.
- vi. PE Bill:
 - 1. HB1839 – This bill amends the school code with regards to waiver or modifications to the PE mandate so that it is limited to 2 years (rather than 5) and cannot be renewed more than 2 times (rather than an unlimited renewals).

e. Misc & Action Alerts

- i. Maureen – put together a draft letter of invitation to the Coalition and to include what coalition is, why they are invited, disclaimer, etc. Invite others from Wellesley, United Methodist, etc.
- ii. Bob Darby – will speak to Mary Jenson from Elgin Community Health Center to invite to join Coalition.
- iii. Katie to organize names of legislators and their contact information together to quickly distribute out when legislative action alerts are needed.
- iv. Katie to bring in additional information regarding the PE bill and what legislative support needed.