

WINNEBAGO COUNTY CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2010

PRESENT: Belinda DeGoey (Winnebago County Health Dept); Teresa Paulus (Winnebago County Health Dept); Bill Topel (Winnebago County Dept of Human Services); Wendy Schwalbe (Parent Connections – Family Services); Sue Nett (Menasha Health Department); Doug Bisbee (Community for Hope); Sara Schumacher (Childrens Hospital Fox Valley – Child Advocacy Center); Jennifer Yates (Childrens Hospital Fox Valley – Child Advocacy Center); Erin Roberts (Neenah Health Department); Doug Gieryn (Winnebago County Health Department); Jinnifir Gauerke (Theda Clark Trauma Services); Natalie Gehringer (Childrens Hospital Fox Valley); Steve Verweil (Winnebago County Sheriff Department); Stephanie Stauber (Winnebago County District Attorney Office); Erica Geschrei (Winnebago County Sheriff Department);

GUEST: Ashlee Hanford-Longsine (UW-Oshkosh Student Nurse)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 12:04 pm by Teresa Paulus.

INTRODUCTIONS: Attendees introduced themselves and their organizations. Bill Topel, Director of Human Services welcomed as new attendee.

APPROVAL OF September 27, 2010 MINUTES: Jinnifir made a correction to the September 27, 2010 minutes noting “Jinnifir noted that the Neenah School District does not send its students to this related to “funding” reasons not “political” reasons. Motion by Steve Verweil to approve the 9-27-10 meeting minutes with the noted correction. Second by Wendy Schwalbe. Motion carried with no opposition.

REVISED INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT TO REFLECT THE ABILITY OF CDRT TO REVIEW DEATHS INVOLVING CPS CASES: Doug Gieryn reviewed the face to face meeting he had with the Winnebago County Exec, Winnebago County Corp Counsel and Winnebago County Human Services Department Head which finalized the discussion of the ability of the CDRT to review CPS cases. Belinda reviewed the two changes in the inter-agency agreement. The changes include:

“It is understood that any team member or agency can, for any reason, request a particular case not be reviewed” has been revised to read:

It is understood that any team member or agency can, for any reason, not participate in whole or part of any case review.

And “It is further understood that any cases handled by child protective services will not be reviewed” has been removed from the agreement.

Doug stressed the ability of any team member or agency to not participate in whole or part of any case review. Bill Topel expressed concerns that families’ backgrounds and histories such as parent medical history are not compromised when reviewing a specific case. Some concern was voiced with team members that the histories of families such as past abuse is important for a complete review. The team reviewed that the goal of the team is to identify prevention opportunities. The team will identify all cases by number instead of initials to further insure anonymity of the children and families. Natalie Gehringer motioned to accept the revised inter-agency agreement. Seconded by Doug Geiryn. Motion carried with no opposition. Belinda will complete the revisions of the agreement and send to members for signatures.

DATA REVIEW: Teresa briefly reviewed the information from the 7-26-10 meeting minutes referring to the child motor vehicle crash death data from Winnebago County coroner cases. Noted the risk factors of not wearing a seat belt, the use of drugs/alcohol and increased number of teens in the car. Natalie Gehringer pointed out that through her professional practice she has noticed cell phone and texting use .

Teresa reviewed the availability of grant funds to support prevention activities in the community.

TEAM MEMBER REVIEW OF LOCAL PREVENTION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES:

- Erica Geschrei is the Community Programs Coordinator for the Sheriff Office. She presents a 20 minute program at the local high schools including Menasha, Oshkosh North, Lourdes, Omro and health classes at Winneconne on distracted

driving. She covers texting, eating, putting on make up, cell phone use, speeding, road conditions and the number of kids in the car. She covers the physical and emotional consequences if these habits lead to a crash. She plans to present at Neenah in the spring. Erica hopes to get into more schools. States the program is well received. She would prefer to do individual classrooms instead of large assemblies.

- Erin Roberts spoke with Neenah High School. States Neenah High has developed an “Edge of Reality” video which is shown in Health Class. The video main message is alcohol use and driving. There is a follow up video. The teachers also provide talking points and have discussions with the students after the video is presented. Anyone can view the video by going to the Post Crescent website and find the link. Parents are encouraged to view the video and talk to their kids about it.

- Belinda contacted the Oshkosh High Schools and Menasha High Schools and found that all 3 send the 9th graders to “PARTY at the PAC”. Menasha High has Erica come to present her program also.

- Teresa found that MADD is not locally active. She contacted Winneconne High School and found they also send the 9th graders to PARTY at the PAC and Erica’s program. .

- Wendy Schwalbe discussed the *Safe Rides for Youth in Oshkosh Program*: Safe Rides is designed to provide a free and confidential safe ride home to any student who is not in a condition to drive safely; to any student who wants to avoid being a passenger in such a situation, or who just needs a safe ride home. The service is available Friday and Saturday Nights, 10:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m. 920-236-2646 (Teen Safe Rides number)

- Doug Gieryn discussed an assembly the Neenah and Menasha High Schools present to parents by the MEG unit on drugs and alcohol with teens. Unfortunately they are not very well attended.

- Jinnifir Gauerke discussed the PARTY at the PAC and how one of their goals is to do some follow up with the students after they attend the program. The students have suggested needing resources and ways to handle the situations they find themselves in.

CDRT GRANT AND DIRECTION OF PREVENTION EFFORTS:

- Team discussed options for utilization of our grant funding for prevention efforts. Discussion focused on supporting the PARTY at the PAC especially with the idea of doing follow up with the students after they attend. Members were

also interested in providing funding for bussing. Jinnifir states she has some ideas in mind to do the follow up and feels she has contacts through staff at the hospital who are willing to put together the follow up curriculum. Overall the team would like to support something additional to the program. May be able to coordinate Erica's program to be offered in a timely fashion around the PARTY at the PAC to support the learning and expand on brainstorming on how students can handle the situations.

-Our grant has \$875 designated toward prevention, but this amount may be able to be increased if we have unused funds available in other designated categories. Teresa will need to check with the Childrens Health Alliance at the state level to get approval for use of the grant toward the PARTY at the PAC.

- It was suggested that the group write a recommendation to the Winnebago County School Districts to send their students to the PARTY at the PAC.

- Teresa, Jinnifir and Erica will contact Neenah School District to encourage sending their students to the program.

NEXT MEETING: Monday November 22 at 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at the Coughlin Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Belinda DeGoey RN

Winnebago County Health Department