



PLANNING & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 P.M. Thursday, July 10, 2014
FOND DU LAC ADVOCAP OFFICE
19 West First Street
Fond du Lac, WI.

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Connie Anderson, Tom Dornbrook, Joe Gonyo, Sister Caryl Hartjes, Natalie Lambert

ABSENT/
EXCUSED: Will Albrecht, Ted Eischeid, Christian Harpt, Chris Kniep, June Kriegel,
Ann Marshall

STAFF: Tony Beregszazi, Michael Bonertz, Doug Pearson, Lu Scheer, Linda Wheeler

CALL TO
ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Sister Caryl at 7:00pm

ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

AGENDA
APPROVAL: Mike asked to add an item to the agenda - possible partnership with the City of Oshkosh through involvement with the Oshkosh Police Department. The agenda also misstated the chair as Donna Blend and not Sister Caryl Hartjes - correction was made. **A motion was made by Connie Anderson with a second by Natalie Lambert to approve the agenda with addition and correction.**

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES
APPROVAL: Tom Dornbrook pointed out the minutes indicated him calling the meeting to order and it was Sister Caryl. **A motion was made by Connie Anderson with a second by Natalie Lambert to accept the minutes from June 12, 2014 with correction.**

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION REGARDING SELF SUFFICIENCY PROJECT IN OSHKOSH

Tony, Mike and Lu talked about "The Hub" and our involvement up to this point. The committee had originally given perimeters for us to operate in. Staff indicated that the focus has shifted and no longer lines up with the guidelines. The direction we would like to take is to expand our current BRIDGES program and model it after "The Lift" model being done in Chicago. There is a concern of damaging relationships with partners in the community but staff will do their best to express appreciation to those who have given time and direction up to this point. **Motion made by Tom Dornbrook and a second by Joe Gonyo to change the focus from "The Hub" and to adopt the key elements of the new "Bridges" program as indicated:**

- **ADVOCAP meets with those currently engaged in "The Hub" planning effort and expresses appreciation for their tireless efforts, lessons learned, and service elements that can now be implemented in the Bridges Program.**
- **ADVOCAP's Executive Committee establishes a Bridges Program Advisory**

Committee which is comprised of representatives from the above mentioned entities, religious community, low income consumers, and others.

- **The current Bridges and PASS Program staff be reconstructed into Bridges Program staff.**
- **ADVOCAP develops a budget for the Bridges Program and seeks additional funding to expand financial assistance and case management services.**
- **Volunteers be recruited and involved in the Bridges Program as mentors and advocates for those involved in a path to self sufficiency.**
- **ADVOCAP establishes a data system that enables inputs for generating reports on services delivered and impact results.**
- **ADVOCAP establishes several methods to inform the broader community and key investors on the results of the Bridges Program**

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE OSHKOSH POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Doug Pearson shared with the committee that he was able to meet with the Oshkosh City Manager and he is interested in partnering more with ADVOCAP. The city will be purchasing a mobile command center for the police department and would like the center to be available to reach out to neighborhoods for the majority of time. He would like to have the center set up in neighborhoods and establish a program to help children and refugees learn to read. They would like ADVOCAP to supply the volunteers. The committee then discussed whether this would "fit" our mission and if there would be another way to be involved. Doug asked for direction from the committee if they would like him to pursue this. This is a good opportunity to build bridges into the community and receive positive press. The general consensus from the committee was to go ahead and with exploration and bring back a proposal to the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Sister wanted it reflected in the minutes that the committee is appreciative for the job Linda has done.
- The committee acknowledged Ted Eischeid's Fellowship Award and are very happy for him.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Tom Dornbrook with a second by Connie Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES BY: Linda Wheeler. Executive Administrative Assistant