

MEETING MINUTES
VERNON COUNTY COURT & COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL/
VERNON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP
May 5, 2016 – VERNON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Members in attendance:

Michael Rosborough, Circuit Court Judge
Melony Hansen, VCDHS
Rebecca Salmon, Passages
Dr. Robert Knadle, VAS
Betty Nigh, Health Department
Sheila Olson, Clerk of Courts
Jess Leinberger, Center Point Counseling
Jean Klousia, VCDHS
Pat Peterson, Unit on Aging
Jill Schrobilgin, Victim Witness Coordinator
Coleen Pulvermacher, UW Extension
Jess Leinberger, Center Point Counseling
Kristi Peterson, Circuit Court

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Judge Rosborough.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016, meeting. Motion carried.

UPDATES:

- **Prevention/Partnership:** Jess Leinberger has been training for the Prime for Life and Life Skills courses for her prevention work in the schools. This summer she will begin planning for the 2016/2017 school year.
- **Sobriety Court/Intensive Sanctions Program (ISP):** Jess Leinberger shared that there are 13 active participants in Sobriety Court and 6 of them will be graduating on Monday. Katy Burke will be there for their graduations since she started with them and can provide some closure. One new participant contacted her about joining the program. A discussion was held on applying for the TAD grant again this year. Jess will be working with Cindy Ellefson and Michele Engh on the application. Jean Klousia shared that there are remaining funds from the Block Grant that did not get spent out and can be carried over this year. This money could be used to help with the path to recovery such as inpatient care since Medical Assistance no longer will cover the cost.
- **Teen court:** Coleen Pulvermacher reported that two new cases were added in April. She indicated they purchased more Teen Court brochures at a cost of \$300. Colleen

asked if the Vernon County Bar Association might be willing to donate funds to help out with the cost of the brochures. Judge Rosborough said he thought they would be willing help and he would have Kristi Peterson contact President Stephanie Hopkins about making a donation.

- **Elder Abuse & Domestic Abuse Issues:** Jean Klousia shared that June 15th is National Elder Abuse Awareness day. She indicated their call volume has been up.

Melony Hansen shared that since Center Point has suspended their Domestic Abuse Intervention program, she checked with Monroe County and they would allow participants to enroll in their program. Referrals may be made to Melony. There is a fee associated with participating.

Becky Salmon shared that Passages will hold their annual fundraiser on October 22nd, 2016, at the UW Richland Campus. Passages also has a nice display set up in the lobby of the courthouse.

- **Unit on Aging:** Pat Peterson shared her A-Team Happenings Newsletter and highlighted the Granny Basketball in connection with National Senior Health & Fitness day. The event will take place on May 25th at the Gym between Viroqua and Westby from 5 – 8 pm. Women 50 and older wanting to participate should contact the Unit on Aging. Seniors Farmers Market vouchers will be issued in June and can be used at participating vendors to purchase fresh fruit and vegetables. The Older Americans Act was re-authorized on April 19, 2016. This act helps fund services for older adults to help with meals, job training, senior centers, transportation, caregiver support among other things.
- **Trauma Informed Care Task Force-** Melony Hansen shared that the last two meetings have been very well attended and there is a lot of interest in trainings. She plans to hold meetings monthly on the third Tuesday. Sub-committees have been formed and they have all met as well. Human Services has hired a new employee who has a degree in this field. Melony is hopeful that she will be able to help her with some of the duties involved with this committee as her schedule is currently very hectic right now.
- **Health Department:** Betty Nigh shared that the Health Department is offering the Stuff the Bus campaign again this year. They are also offering the car seat safety checks again on the first Wednesday of the month starting in May through September. The safety checks will be held at the Erlandson Building parking lot instead of at Village Market.
- **YWCA/CASA:** Melony Hansen shared that Jessie Fortuna met with her department and they discussed cases where they thought a CASA volunteer might be helpful.

- **Veterans Issues:** No report. Kristi Peterson shared that Tami Saleska received an invitation from the Secretary of Defense inviting her to attend the National Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

Other Business:

-Judge Rosborough recently attended a meeting for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno, NV.

-This was Dr. Knadles last meeting before his retirement. Judge Rosborough thanked him for his dedication and years of service with the school and with our committee.

Next meeting: July 7, 2016

Meeting Adjourned: at 12:40 pm