

Community Partnership/Resource Committee Minutes – May 8, 2012

Ms. Ernst welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. Ms. Ernst welcomed the many new faces that were joining us for the first time. She then asked the new members to stand, introduce themselves, the organization they represented, and tell us what services their organization provides. Ms. Ernst reminded those present that we would be recording this meeting as a way to take physical, as well as, audio notes to help us better assimilate the information gathered during this phase to help us in our additional phases of discussion. Ms. Ernst then informed those joining us for the first time, as well as the committee members, that there were copies of all our previous meeting minutes and the updated organizational information sheet available for everyone at the front table. She advised the committee members to review the organization information sheet to be sure that we have accurately transcribed the services provided by their organizations. She also discussed with the committee that sometimes programs will be added or deleted and to be sure to go through this information monthly and to call or email Holly with the changes so that we could update our list. Ms. Ernst also informed those present that there were handouts from all the various organizations located on the table in the back of room and encouraged them to take any that were of interest to them.

After the new member introductions, Ms. Ernst asked all the other committee members to please introduce themselves and give a quick recap of their individual organizations and to specify if there were any changes to the information that was previously shared.

Churchill County Social Services is no longer providing food services. Due to the many other food programs in the community, Project Food was discontinued as a means to avoid duplication of services. Also, the Backpack for Youth program was taken over by the Out of Egypt Food Pantry.

Churchill County Coalition is conducting a Drug Darkness Community Forum on June 27, 2012 from 5PM-9PM at the Fallon Convention Center. This will be a forum to discuss the various drugs that we are combating in Churchill County. This forum is being held to educate the community and to get families involved. There will be information booths and giveaways.

Churchill County Parks and Recreation will be holding a Picnic in the Park Day on July 4th, 2012. This event is being held to bring the community together. Admission is free. There will be free activities all day and a movie at night. Other activities will also be available for a nominal fee.

Community Health Nurse reported that the recent outbreak of Pertussis cases (2 adults and 2 children) were under control. After 31 days, there were no additional outbreaks.

Laura Valentine with the State Health Division, liaison with Community Health Nurse Programs, Hospitals, and Organizations discussed an Emergency Preparedness Summit that will be held at the Fallon Convention Center on 5/30/12 and 5/31/12. This summit will educate the emergency management team, hospitals, and all community member volunteers on how to facilitate an organized, effective community response to emergency.

Silver State Fair Housing will be conducting training on June 22, 2012 from 10AM-12N at the Churchill County Commissioners' Chambers. This training will be an informative training on how to recognize discrimination issues, how to accommodate persons with disabilities, National and local issues, and the resources available.

Food Bank of Northern Nevada mentioned that they currently have four positions open; Inventory Specialist, Agency Field Rep, Chief Philanthropy and Marketing Director, and Donation and Gifts Manager. Please speak to Jenny or visit their website at www.fbnn.org to obtain additional information.

Out of Egypt Food Pantry informed the committee of the grant approval received that will allow them to begin construction on Phase One of their new pantry. This will be located right next to the Church of the Nazarene. The completion of Phase One will allow for the shell of the building to be completed. Additional phases of construction will eventually lead to a pantry, community center, and two rooms for emergency shelter.

Ms. Ernst then gave a quick update on last month's meeting. She reviewed the discussion that was had in regards to Nevada 2-1-1 and that the presentation had been deferred to this month to accommodate changes that were being made at Nevada 2-1-1. At this time, she then introduced Evan Miller, Community Resource Specialist, with Nevada 2-1-1 to the committee and turned the time over to him. Mr. Miller then made his presentation to the committee. He began by asking them what they new about Nevada 2-1-1. He explained to the committee that there is a new text service that is being tested. He also informed the committee that the 24/7 Crisis Call Center staff would now be taking Nevada 2-1-1 calls, making a live person available 24/7. Mr. Miller brought a brochure that was reviewed with the committee. Mr. Miller concluded his presentation with a question and answer period and a live demonstration of how the Nevada 2-1-1 system works. Mr. Miller will provide links to be shared with the committee members that will lead them directly to the input form and to Mr. Miller's email address so that he can assist them with any questions they may have while inputting and updating their information.

Ms. Ernst then asked the committee members to continue to invite guests, they felt should be a part of our discussions, to future meetings. Some of the entities mentioned were CareNet and the local thrift stores. She informed the committee members that the Churchill County Coalition would begin sending out email invitations to those who have been suggested for inclusion, as well.

Ms. Ernst asked the committee members to continue working with Evan Miller to input and update their information in the Nevada 2-1-1 system. The committee members agreed to continue doing this and utilizing the system with the intent of getting information input and issues resolved so that everyone can be on board and ready to go with the new fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2012.

Referral Systems – Tabled until a future committee meeting.

Next Steps – Tabled until the next committee meeting.

Ms. Ernst then turned the time back over to Ms. Zeller for the DEC update. Ms. Zeller informed the committee that the protocol list was still being formalized for the various entities that would work together to assist children in these situations.

Ms. Ernst then concluded the meeting by scheduling the next meeting for June 12, 2012 at the Old Post Office from 11AM-1PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.