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Henry County Mentoring Program (HCMP)

Advisory Council Meeting - January 13, 2010

The first HCMP Advisory Council meeting was held on January 13, 2010 to discuss the role of the Council and future meeting times. Introductory Binders were disseminated by the Mentoring Program Coordinator, Cassie Alaniz. (binders are available at the Extension office for anyone absent from the meeting)

Cassie reviewed the program history and purpose of the Council.

Name of Council Member	Relationship to HCMP	Attendance at Meeting
Carla Jones	Parent of a Mentee	Yes
Bonnie Kramer	Mentor	No
Jennifer Lehman	Drug Free Communities Coordinator	Yes
Toi Mears	New London School Liaison and Mentor	Yes
Melissa McWhirter	Mentor	No
Jerry Parker	Iowa Wesleyan College The Center for Service-Learning & Civic Engagement Director & Assistant Professor	No
Melissa Scheetz	Mt. Pleasant School Liaison	No
Janet Smith	IA State Extension Office Program Specialist Families/Youth	No

The Advisory Council agreed to 2 committees but did not select chairpersons as the entire council was not present. The 2 committees are:

- Event Committee: we agreed to start planning a Bowling Tournament as the main fundraiser for our program.
 - Toi Mear’s husband is the bowling coach in Mt. Pleasant and we may be able to use his assistance in planning the fundraiser
 - Toi agreed to assist in the fundraiser as did Jennifer
- Training Committee: this committee was not officially formed but will be addressed throughout the council as an advisory panel to our program’s work

Several ideas were discussed regarding the future sustainability of our program:

1. Fundraising: everyone was encouraged to make suggestions, write grants, or point the program in the direction of potential funding. We are applying for continued funding within the 2010-2011 school year with the IA Dept. of Public Health this February.
2. It was agreed that Cassie will look into funding from Enhance Henry County and Pennebaker Foundation.

Mentor for a Day is taking place for all of the children on the HCMP waiting list. The event is taking place on Feb. 27th from 11-3:30pm at the Rec Center in Mt. Pleasant. Everyone is asked to promote the event with flyers at their workplaces, and talking to potential mentors. We are looking for assistance funding the food to that afternoon’s lunch.

Future Meetings - it was discussed we will 4 times in 2010. We agreed to the following schedule:

- March 10, June 9, September 8, and December 8. Each meeting to take place at 5:30pm.
- With only four meetings in the calendar year we are hoping that council members will find it easier to meet together.