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Henry County Mentoring Program (HCMP)

Advisory Council Meeting - March 10, 2010

The second HCMP Advisory Council meeting was held on March 10, 2010 to discuss fund development, peer mentoring program pilots, and upcoming grant opportunities.

In attendance: web conference in which participants were emailed power point slides

Name of Council Member	Relationship to HCMP
Carla Jones	Parent of a Mentee
Bonnie Kramer	Mentor
Jennifer Lehman	Drug Free Communities Coordinator
Toi Mears	New London School Liaison and Mentor
Melissa McWhirter	Mentor
Jerry Parker	Iowa Wesleyan College The Center for Service-Learning & Civic Engagement Director & Assistant Professor
Melissa Scheetz	Mt. Pleasant School Liaison
Janet Smith	IA State Extension Office Program Specialist Families/Youth

Mentor for the Day: On February 27, HCMP hosted the first “Mentor for the Day” event at the Mt. Pleasant Rec Center. The event was specially held to allow our waiting list children a chance to be mentored for an afternoon by adult volunteers who cannot commit an entire year. Out of 24 children invited, 13 were in attendance and 14 adult volunteers participated as mentors. The parents and mentees felt it was a success and asked for more mentoring day events to be held.

Peer Mentoring: The need for peer mentors stems from the long list of wait listed children and the lack of adult volunteers. New London, Winfield, and Mt. Pleasant school districts are agreeable to a pilot program for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year. If the pilot is successful, a full year-round program will be launched in the fall of 2010. Peer Mentors will be high school students who are at least three years older than a potential mentee and have a teacher recommendation to participate in the program.

OJJDP grant application: HCMP is applying for an OJJDP federal grant as an enhancement to our current program. The application includes year-long programming centered on career skills and the introduction of career pathways for our mentees. HCMP is collaborating with SCC, School to Career Consortium, and Iowa Workforce Development.

Program Statistics: As of March 10th, the program has supported 66 mentoring matches in this fiscal year. There are 18 children on the waiting list for a mentor, most of which are boys in New London and Winfield.