

Rochester Steering Committee Meeting January 25, 2008

Eagles Landing Hotel

Aimee Danielson	Weed & Seed Coordinator	Linda Karlin Nancy Wallin	Rochester Resident Rochester Resident
April Overlie	Boys & Girls Club	EttaMae Lewis	Rochester Resident
Bill Liddle	Resident	Gail Gosney	TCPAO*
Chris Mealy	TC Sherriff's Office	Erin Price-Smith	Big Brothers Big Sisters
Donna Smith	Weed & Seed Chair	Laurena Redford	Family Education & Support Services
Donna Zimmerman	Rochester Resident	Marcee Stiltner	ROOF
Ellen Nelson	TOGETHER!	Pete Hall	DOC*
Albert Delos Santos	Rochester Resident		
Kandi Delos Santos	Rochester Resident		

Donna Opens Meeting at 5:40 pm

Approval of October Meeting Minutes

Corrections to Bill Liddle's title from Chair to Resident

Motion to approve minutes with above corrections, Marcee Stiltner

April Overlie second. Motion passed.

Financial report – Gail Gosney

Prosecuting Attorney's Financial Report

Gail Gosney distributed the financial report for the period of August through December, 2007

The grant award is for the period of August 2007 through July 2008 is \$166,283

Amount expended through December 31, 2007 is \$49,437.45

Gail asked that the bills for rent and conflict management be submitted by the Rochester School District (Aimee Danielson will discuss this with them)

Update on "Graduated Site" application process – Gail Gosney

Gail reported she will take responsibility for completing the application for Weed & Seed "Graduated Site" status;

Applications will be available the end of February

Weed & Seed Evaluation- Gail Gosney

Silvie McGee has been hired to conduct an evaluation of the impact of the Rochester Weed & Seed program from 2004 through 2007

Silvie will be doing four things:

1. Review all Weed & Seed reports, minutes and other documents;
2. Interviewing all the Steering Committee members, both current and past;
3. Conducting two focus groups with Rochester community members;
4. Reviewing statistics from the Healthy Youth Survey, demographic data and the Sheriff's office crime data for the Rochester area

Sylvie will be calling Steering Committee members to set up interview appointments in February

Donna Smith and Aimee Danielson will get together a list of residents who may be willing to participate in a focus group

Discussion of Drug Free Communities grant – Marcee Stiltner

Marcee Stiltner from ROOF has reviewed this grant application and determined it is not possible to apply in 2008

She will be working with other agencies, the school district and residents to form a Drug Free Community Coalition over the next few months and begin planning for an application in 2009

Marcee Stiltner explained the Drug Free Communities Grant provides funds to coordinate activities to help reduce underage drinking and substance abuse

Funds can not be used for actual services

The grant provides \$125,000 a year for up to 10 years

Rochester residents should have a coalition in place before we apply for this grant

Marcee Stiltner is attending a conference in mid February and she will bring us more information at the next Steering Committee Meeting

CCDO Conference – Aimee Danielson

The Community Capacity Development Office (CCDO) will be hosting the 2008 Strategy Development Workshop to March 3-6, 2008 in Portland, OR

The conference will focus on enhancing and strengthening resources and partnerships for Weed & Seed sites that are in various stages of planning and implementation

Discuss Chris Mealy attending

Site Coordinator's report – Aimee Danielson

Aimee Danielson is working part time from home right now

She is working on the newsletter and keeping up the website

Aimee will be meeting up with Donna to discuss future projects

Weed Committee - Chris Mealy

Car theft is up; when people are warming up their cars they are being stolen

Other Business

Future Weed & Seed meetings

Group discussed when future meeting should be held

The group agreed the last Wednesday of the month would work for everybody's schedule

Boys and Girls Club

April Overlie resigned as the Rochester Branch Director

Steering Committee members thanked April for the good work she did while at the club

Town Hall Meeting

ROOF will be having a town meeting around the time of March 31st

focused on drinking and substance abuse

A location is not yet determined

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting will be on February 27 @ 5:30 pm at the Rochester Community Center

****Kate Greenquist in the USAO must abstain from any vote regarding the Federal Grant Budget***

**** TCPAO - Thurston County Prosecutor Attorney's Office***

**** DOC – Washington State Department of Corrections***