



## Buffalo/Pepin County Teen Court

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### Teen Court Advisory Board Meeting – January 30, 2014

Meeting started at 10:00 pm in the Buffalo and Pepin County Human Services Meeting Rooms (connected via video conferencing)

**Present:** Renee Pronschinske, Gina Rieck, Judge James Duvall, Bill Clouse, Phil Kaufman, Dana Erickson, Annie Lisowski, Duey Bauer, Lana Fluekiger, Bill Clouse and Marie Ritscher.

Welcome and introductions.

**Review Minutes from November 1, 2013** – Bill Clouse made a motion to accept the minutes, Duey Bauer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**Financial/ Fundraising-** Gina reported the present balance of \$12,951.00.

Note: For the 2014 donation requests the judge asked that the Lion's clubs be excluded from the donation list in 2014, because they are donating to the CJCC Program.

Note: CFC School has not been able to contribute to TC in the past two years. When we send a donation letter, Annie will include a letter/note and do a follow up.

**Running Statistics** – The format for the statistics has been changed. See the attached statistics – April 2012 – Jan 2014.

Suggested changes include:

~to have a current period "YTD" column reported in addition to the program total history number would help.

~ Reporting period- The schools thought using July 1 to June 30 to be more useful for a reporting period than the calendar year.

~ How detailed should we track unsuccessful outcomes? Do we need to separately track, failed to appear in court, failed to begin sanctions, started by failed to complete sanctions? Can we just report "Not successfully completed" for reporting purposes? If we have too many categories do we lose the ability to draw meaningful information from outcome summaries?

~ We do probably want to separately track Referral withdrawn and referral returned separate from "not successfully completed"

~(Not discussed but Judge's thought- three columns might be really great- current period to date, prior period (like previous July-June numbers) and the program historic totals.)

### Reporting Results

~ The outcome report should be sent to the referring agency whatever the outcome- Referral returned, referral withdrawn, case dismissed, sanction completed etc.

~ When reporting other than successful completion, add a section suggesting that the referring agency consider whether they need to take further appropriate action on the case

~ We discussed whether a courtesy copy of the outcome report should be copied to the school if they were part of the referral system. Such as they referred case to the police department the police department referred it to Teen Court.

~ A school representative requested that all referrals from their school be reported to them even if they are not the referring agency. A discussion took place, the concerns include:

- We discussed whether confidentiality rules apply
- We discussed whether it was teen court's responsibility or should it be left to the discretion of the referring agency
- Some schools indicated they were not interested if they were not the referring agency.

**Panelist Training Mini Session** – There will be training on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11:00 to be held at the Buffalo County Courthouse in Alma. The session is optional to attend but highly encouraged. The focus of this session will be on work force readiness for panelists and for sanctions for the offenders. Also, to tie into the workforce readiness, there will be an interview process for the TC applicants and the senior panelists will be the interviewers.

**On Line Bullying Program** – Dana and Annie developed an on line bullying course. It is being piloted by a few school students at this time and the website was sent to all the advisory board members. Durand is looking into implementing it at the middle school.

**Video/PSA** – Ms. Flanagan and the Durand School Media Class will be coming to Feb 4<sup>th</sup> mini session to work on the video/PSA.

**Wisconsin Teen Court Association (WTCA)** is looking at hosting a state wide training for County Teen Courts; more information coming, Buffalo/Pepin TC panelists will be invited to this.

**Other Business** – Advisor Board meetings – there was a discussion as to the frequency of board meetings. There was a consensus that the board meets 6 times a year (every other month).

Next Meeting will be in March of 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted, Marie

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