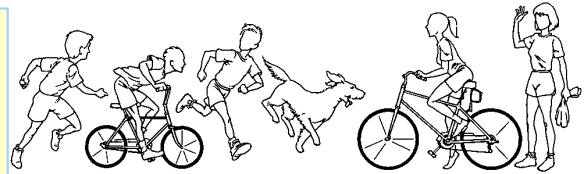


Marinette/Oconto Community Wellness Partnership



Community Wellness Partnership Meeting

March 25th, 2008

Marinette County HHS Building

Present:

Nancy Crevier – Marinette County UW-Extension

Sarah Ferdon – Marinette County UW-Extension

Hope Kersten – Oconto County WIC

Mary LeMere - Oconto County Public Health

John Pinkart – Oconto County UW-Extension

Kay Rich – Marinette County UW-Extension

Jenny Schewe – YMCA

Sherry Stender – Marinette County WIC

Wendy Stuart – Marinette County Public Health

Updates

Activity Guide Evaluation

- Both WIC offices are distributing evaluations to WIC participants who received the guides. The evaluations are almost complete.
- Let Hope, Nancy or Sherry know if you need any activity guides to put out at your spring or summer events.

April 17th Iowa State Satellite Program

- Marinette County UWEX is hosting “2008 Current Issues in Nutrition”, a satellite program from Iowa State University on April 17th, 2008. It will be held in the county board room in the Marinette County courthouse. It runs from 9:15am-3:45.
- Anyone can attend the whole day or any number of the sessions. It is open to all members of the community.
- The agenda can be found at www.uccs.iastate.edu.mnet/cin/schedule/html
- Registration is required. Nancy will email the registration information for the program.

Childcare Provider Training

- Twenty-seven people attended the training.
- John, Nancy, Sherry and Wendy provided education on physical activity, My Pyramid and the Eilyn Satter information.
- The training was promoted by Community Childcare Connections, located in Green Bay.

Jump Rope for Heart

- The event was held Wednesday, March 5th at Peshtigo Elementary School.
- Nancy did a 10 minute talk on healthy snacking for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade.
- Six hundred and fifty students participated and they switched stations every 20 minutes.

“Y” Fit Kids

- The program is currently being done at the DAR Boys & Girls Club for kids ages 6-12.
- The program will be included in the Y’s summer programs.
- The “Y” will also offer a similar program in the summer for kids ages 4-5.
- The goal is to get the program into schools in the fall.
- April 12th is “Healthy Kids Day” at the YMCA from 11am-2pm and is free to the community. Events will include bike helmets, car seat checks and a variety of activities for kids.

After School Running Clubs

- Currently, Peshtigo Schools have an after school running club for kids in grades 4th through 6th to train for the Bellin Run.
- The group meets twice a week and is supervised along their route by a variety of parent volunteers.
- Wendy would like to put together a kit of Peshtigo’s materials that can be used by other schools to start their own running club. This is in hopes of expanding the program to other schools.
- Wendy would also like to include a list of local 5K runs in the kit.

Safe Routes to Schools

- Mary is applying for the DOT Safe Routes to Schools grant.
- Last year 92 organizations applied, with 22 receiving the grant. Mary’s application was ranked 27 out of 92 last year.
- Recipients of the first part of the grant receive a DOT Consultant to review the areas around the school and give recommendations on how it can be improved and made safer.
- Recipients of the second part of the grant receive money for infrastructure, based on the DOT recommendations.
- Last year Mary had a lot of positive feedback on the Walking School Bus and had requests to have it more often. She is hoping to get enough volunteers to have it on a regular basis.

SWOT Analysis, CWP Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats

Internal	S trengths	W eaknesses
External	O pportunities	T hreats

Opportunities (External) for the group are viewed as:

1. Have a voice at city /county planning events, economic development/tourism/city councils. UWEX CRD (Community Resource Development) agents can serve as resources in this area.
2. Grant writing – M&M Foundation will have upcoming grant opportunities

3. Obesity is a hot topic right now – numerous opportunities associated with it
4. Networking
5. Increase visibility – media, other community events

Future Meetings:

Next Community Wellness Partnership Meeting: **Wednesday, April 30th**
12:00pm-1:00pm
Room 2119
Oconto County Courthouse
501 Park Avenue
Oconto
** Bring your own lunch

Please continue to invite other members of the community who are interested in this topic to attend our meetings!