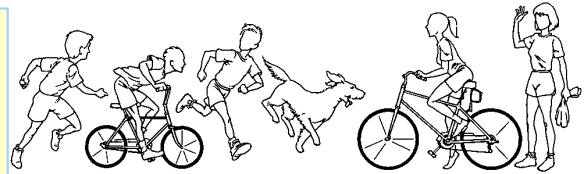


Marinette/Oconto Community Wellness Partnership



Community Wellness Partnership Meeting

September 30th, 2008

Oconto County Courthouse

Present:

Nancy Crevier – Marinette County UW-Extension

Hope Kersten – Oconto County WIC

Mary LeMere – Oconto County Public Health

John Pinkart – Oconto County UW-Extension

Julie Raasch – Oconto County UW-Extension

Sherry Stender – Marinette County WIC

Wendy Stuart – Marinette County Public Health

Krysta Van Dyck – Marinette County WIC

Updates / Upcoming Programs

Pembine School Fruit and Veggie Grant

- Starting at the beginning of this school year, students at the elementary school get a fruit or vegetable in the afternoon for a snack.
- The grant is a federal grant, administered by the DPI.
- Through the grant, schools receive reimbursement of the cost of making free fruits and vegetables available to students throughout the day. These are served separately from the breakfast or lunch program.
- Only elementary schools with 50% or more of its students eligible for free/reduced price meals are eligible for the grant.
- For more information on the grant go to, <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/ffvp.html>.
- The Pembine school nurse contacted Nancy, looking for hand-outs on specific fruits and vegetables. These hand-outs would be sent home with students the same day that they were served as snacks.
- Let Nancy know if you have fruit and vegetable resources that could be used at Pembine schools.

Hunger Forum

- The hunger forum, sponsored by UW-Extension will be held October 15th in Rhinelander.
- John mailed registration forms to local food pantries.

Miscellaneous

- Kay is going to present information on Access at a parent meeting for the Peshtigo School District.
- Mary is starting to have meetings with the DOT consultant funded by the Safe Routes to School grant.
- International Walk to School Day is October 8th.
- The DOT consultant will help develop a plan for Safe Routes to school which will take about 9 months.

Healthy Halloween Letters / News Releases

- Nancy developed a press release with healthy Halloween ideas that will be sent to the local papers and a flyer with healthy and non-food Halloween alternatives.
- Nancy also developed a letter to the Marinette Chamber of Commerce about their trick or treating event at Marinette businesses. She will also enclose the flyer.

Child care provider 6 month evaluation

- Sixteen out of twenty-seven evaluations were returned
- Suggestions from the providers for future trainings included food allergies & healthy breakfast, lunch & snack ideas.
- It was suggested that we get a guest speaker from healthcare to do a presentation on food allergies.
- Mary suggested doing training on kids in the kitchen or a “Strong Women” presentation for the providers.
- Daycare providers need 25 credits of continuing education per year.
- Mary is working on getting a fluoride varnish program established in Oconto County. She suggested that we could partner with the daycare providers in offering this service.

Coalition Updates on the state level

- RFP's haven't been released yet.
- Nancy suggested that we apply and see how much money we receive.
- We could use this money to provide daycare trainings. Depending on the amount of money that we receive, we could hire a guest speaker for a daycare training.
- Nancy is meeting with the state committee in Madison on Oct. 7th.
- The first round of grant money has to be spent by June 30th, 2009.

Coalition Survey

- A survey was done to evaluate the existence and activities of local coalitions around the state.
- Forty-three local coalitions completed the survey.
- The primary areas of the coalitions are nutrition, physical activity and sweetened beverages.

- Few of the coalitions have any paid staff time.
- Most coalitions said that their greatest need is more funding.

Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute

- The Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute is a joint effort between the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and the Medical College of Wisconsin. To learn more, go to <http://hwli.org/index.asp>.
- They provide training to 6-7 community groups per year on community building. The training includes 4-5 different trainings during the course of the year. It is meant to prepare a group to implement a program that makes a change in the community.
- The upcoming state grant would pay for a coalition to go through the training.
- Starting in 2009, they will offer one-day leadership trainings that are open to anyone.

Future Meetings:

Next Community Wellness Partnership Meeting: **Tuesday, October 28th**

12:00pm-1:00pm

Lower level conference room

Marinette County HHS Building

2500 Hall Avenue

Marinette

** Bring your own lunch

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