

Minutes for MCSPAC 1-24-11
3:30p.m. – 5:00p.m.

Present: Tony Beatty, Betty Johnson, LaKeisha Roberts,
Jane Goble-Clark, Susan Johnson

The meeting began with a review of the minutes from the October 25, 2010 meeting. Changes were made and the minutes were approved.

Meetings were not held in Nov. 2010 or Dec. 2010.

In regards to the ongoing recruiting, it was discussed that at this time that there has not been any additional organizations to acknowledge interest in joining the group.

Betty gave an update on the NC Substance Abuse Prevention Providers Association Legislative and Policy call to action meeting held 1-13-11 in Elon, NC. Betty shared that goals were identified for the organization. The goals/recommendations are as follows:

- *Promote the NC Institute of Medicine's call for a state prevention plan
- *Maintain NC's current ABC control system
- *Increase the beer tax
- *Work to maintain/increase funding for community coalitions

It was suggested by Tony that agencies send letters to their local legislators sharing what the impact would be on our workforce with the proposed budget cuts.

It was announced that Jane Goble-Clark is the co-chair of the NC Health reform committee.

It was discussed that members should be bringing the information detailing the services and trainings that they have provided for the first two quarters of the fiscal year. This is in accordance with the Strategic Plan Objective # 4 Training and Technical Assistance. Information can be sent electronically to Betty.

No grant opportunities for the group to pursue at this time.

The group continued the discussion surrounding the "Face It" & "Say It" trainings. No new info to report at this time. Tony will follow up the Coalition in regards to this project and relay info ASAP to MCSPAC.

The group decided to begin the brainstorming process of identifying potential participants to invite to the training. The group identified 20+ agencies and or organizations as possible candidates.

SAPS GREAT NEWS: After a two and a half year process, the program "I'm Special" was approved by NREPP. (National Registry of Evidenced-Based Programs and

Practices). SAPS will be ready to provide the two day training on May 12-13th, 2011 at their site from 8AM-4PM. A copy of the curriculum will be included with the registration fee.

Tony asked Jane to speak at the upcoming APNC luncheon in Asheville, NC and provide a mini track on leadership.

Lastly, the group discussed Alcohol Awareness Month coming up in April and what MCSPAC could do. Susan shared that Anuvia is exploring many opportunities to partner with others to do various activities. Susan will update the group as to what and how MCSPAC can partner to take part in Alcohol Awareness Month activities.

Agenda for next meeting:

Continue to explore grant funding opportunities.
Follow Up with Tony with the “Face It” & “Say It” trainings.
Focus on potential Alcohol Awareness Month activities
Focus on the goals of the Strategic Plan.

On behalf of SAPS we would like to offer a “call in number” to those who cannot be at the meeting on Monday but could join us by phone. If you would like to, the conference call # is 218 339-2500 and the participant access code is 136957#.

Meeting dates for 2011 held at 3:30PM at SAPS:

March 28, 2011
April 25, 2011
May 23, 2011
June 27, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Johnson