

Ohio Action for Healthy Kids, Zone 9
August 28, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance: Deanna Putman, Carol Gill, Sara Pappa, Kevin Lorson, Jessica Saunders, Chris Schlorman, Stefani Sesler-Ruiz, Joyce Rickels, Monica Mirrow, Heather Combs, Pat Whitley.

Welcome:

Sara Pappa welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for introductions. Chris Schlorman agreed to take meeting notes. The minutes from the May 15, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved. Carol Gill led the group in an ice-breaker activity.

Presentation: Kim Kengor, Relationship Manager, Ohio, for the Alliance for a Healthier Generation (a partnership between the American Heart Assoc. and the William J. Clinton Foundation), gave a presentation on the Healthy Schools Program. Kim's contact information is:

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State Update:

- Deanna Putman, Children's Hunger Alliance, gave a status update of HB254: there has been work on a substitute bill and OAFHK is currently regrouping around this issue. The Children's Hunger Alliance Public Policy department had to take a step back from this work, so we are looking for new leadership for the Policy sub-committee. Deanna also distributed a copy of Progress of Promises? What's Working For and Against Healthy Schools, An Action for Healthy Kids Report from Fall 2008—the executive summary and the full report are available at www.ActionForHealthyKids.org.

Review of Zone 9 Action Plan for 2007-2008:

- The group reviewed the new action plan for 2008-09 and discussed each of the objectives:
 1. Hold two workshops: the group decided to hold two of the same conferences—some variation of best practices for school wellness policy. Dates and location were discussed and several people agreed to find out when school breaks will occur in the Spring. It was discussed to hold one in/near Clark Co. and the second one on the west side of the Zone. The workshop planning committee will meet on Sept. 23rd at 11:00 a.m.; location TBA.
 2. Award up to 4 mini-grants: the group discussed the need to hold the workshops early enough so that the grantees can attend at least 2 Zone 9 functions.
 3. Increase Zone membership: the group discussed the need to continue to offer speakers and other incentives at the meetings for members.
 4. In-kind and cash donations: the group discussed the need to research and solicit both in-kind and cash donations from new organizations. Carol Gill suggested a small committee needs to start working on this. She, Deanna and Chris Schlorman (nominated) will head the committee.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Attendees gave agency reports and shared training/learning opportunities that are coming up this Fall.

Next meeting:

The next AFHK Zone 9 meeting will be **November 20th, 1:30-3:30 PM at the Center for Healthy Communities** – Workshop planning committee to meet Sept. 23rd at 11:00 a.m., location TBA.