

MEETING MINUTES
**VERNON COUNTY COURT & COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL/
VERNON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP**
FEBRUARY 6, 2014 – VERNON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Members in attendance:

Michael Rosborough, Circuit Court Judge
Dr. Robert Knadle, Viroqua Area Schools
Kathy Buros, Clerk of Court
Greg Lunde, Corporation Counsel
Stephanie Hopkins, Attorney
Melony Hansen, VCDHS
Kate Strait, VCDHS
Betty Nigh, VC Health Dept.
Emily Olson, VC Health Dept.
Adrienne Gage, EquiMotion, Inc.
Katy Burke, Center Point Counseling/EquiMotion, Inc.
Marina Abt, Scenic Bluffs
Jill Schrobilgen, Victim/Witness Coordinator
Lisa Hynek, Domestic Abuse Coordinator
Joel Dewitt
Kristi Peterson, Circuit Court

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Judge Rosborough. Introductions were made.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013, meeting. Motion carried.

South West Alliance for WI Youth – Dorothy Chaney was sick today and could not attend the meeting; however, she is willing to come to a future meeting and make a presentation. Katy Burke provided an informational handout about the Alliance that she received via email from Dorothy.

UPDATES:

- **Vernon County Partnership/Prevention Grant:** Katy Burke reported that Vernon County received a \$500 grant to hold town hall meetings. The meetings must be focused on underage drinking. She will work on finding a location and putting a meeting together in April or May.
- **Sobriety Court:** There are currently 13 active participants enrolled in Sobriety Court and 2 in the Intensive Sanctions Program. There has been an increase in screenings. The

team recently applied for a Treatment Alternatives and Diversions Grant to fund Sobriety Court and a new Drug Court Program; however, they did not receive the grant funding. If the team decides to pursue a drug court, they may be asking for Ho Chunk funds. The team is also looking into some grants for on site training.

- **Teen court:** Kristi Peterson shared an email from Jonel Kiesau, the Teen Court Coordinator. Her referrals are going strong; she has 4 direct referrals and 3 court referrals for this month. She has been working on drafting a policies and procedures manual and will present it at the next Advisory Board meeting on February 18, 2014 at 3:00 pm at the Sheriff's Dept. She encourages anyone with an interest in these policies to attend the meeting. She has also added two new adult volunteers.
- **Bully Project:** Stephanie Hopkins reported for the Bully Project. They are currently working on their scholarship program. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded this year. They also issued grants to both Westby and Viroqua schools. They are discussing ideas their next fundraising event.
- **Elder Abuse & Domestic Abuse Issues:** Neighbor Care was rolled out in December. The Vernon County Bar Association assisted with printing costs of the booklet. Lisa Hynek shared that she will be focusing on fundraising for the Domestic Abuse Project. Judge Rosborough shared that he and a team from Vernon County attended a Firearms Surrender training in Prairie du Chien in January. There will be a follow up meeting on February 18th at the Sheriff's Dept.
- **Health Department Issues:** Emily Olson shared that VMH is offering a free training to become a car seat technician. Anyone interested should contact Lisa Turben at VMH. Vernon County also received a \$4000 grant from the DOT for car seats again this year. Betty Nigh shared they are in the process of planning another Stepping On class for seniors.
- **YWCA/CASA:** No report from CASA. Judge Rosborough asked that if anyone is interested or knows of someone who might be interested in becoming a volunteer, to contact Tom Rhorer at the YWCA.
- **Veterans Issues:** No new developments were reported with regard to efforts to develop a county liaison to the La Crosse program. Melony Hansen commented that she contracts with Monroe County to, among other things, assess individuals as to eligibility for certain programs, but that coordination across county lines and other barriers can be problematic and frustrating for veterans who might benefit.

Other Business:

- Marina Abt shared that Scenic Bluffs is starting a dental clinic for children on Badgercare or who have no insurance. She will be available to help answer questions on Healthcare and Badgercare eligibility on March 7 from 2:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Vernon County Human Services large conference room.
- Business partners Katy Burke and Adrienne Gage of EquiMotion are having an open house at Glad Farm, near Soldiers Grove, on February 16th from noon to 3:00 PM.
- Jill Schrobilgen shared that Passages in Richland Center has a job opening for a sexual assault advocate if anyone is interested or knows anyone that would be interested.

Next meeting: April 3, 2014

Meeting Adjourned: at 1:05 p.m.