

Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis
General Meeting

January 8, 2008

H. Dean Evens Education & Community Center
MSD Washington Township

Attendees: David Klinkose, Eric Williams, John Brandon, Lynn Crawford, Sara Jane Batt, Sara Beanblossom, Shalom Black, Joenne Pope, Kim Black, Gary Pellico, Maureen Grey, Lisa Murrell, Carol Burns, Judy Frapps, Tim Fretz, Jeanine Coleman, Jeff Jones

Welcome Remarks and Introductions- President Tim Fretz

- Tim welcomed everyone to the meeting

ACI Council Report

- Moved ahead with the application for a 501c3
- Board has been formed (Judy Frapps, David Klinkose, Accountant, Lawyer, Tim Fretz)
- Awaiting federal ID # to come back
- Thank you to David for pushing this 501c3 project forward
- ACI will look to the umbrella of the Indiana Afterschool Network (IAN) for support as we move out of the City of Indianapolis umbrella
- We would like to keep our independence, but also play a supporting role to the IAN
- Evansville, Michigan City also have strong afterschool organizations
- The cost of being a 501c3 is fairly non-existent
- Lots of volunteer time will be required (as has been in the past with the ACI)
- A Membership committee is forming: there is a strong interest in changing the membership protocol, with a possibility of yearly dues dependant upon the type of organization
- These members would be listed on promotional information/website

Committee Reports

Business Committee- covered in remarks above

Media Committee- Sara Beanblossom

- Awaiting finalization of ACI plans- this will be release in a press release
- Anyone with upcoming events that we could possibly include in this press release
- Email will go out soon to schedule a January committee meeting
- Otherwise, the committee is generally looking forward to future events such as Lights On & Afterschool Week (visits to local afterschool agencies by city officials)

Website- Joenne Pope

- Has received permission and login info to update the ACI website (as a city employee)
- Thanks to the city for helping to get the website online and updatable
- Please look at your info on the website and email/fax info to Joenne so she can update info (jpope@indygov.org or 327-7203)

- Media committee can help with updating pages

Training and Standards- Judy Fraps

- Peer review sign up sheet was passed around
- A team of 3-4 folks from the Training and Standards committee will visit your site and give constructive feedback
- The team would like to add a youth member to the review team- please contact her if you know of someone who could fill this role
- Report by John Brandon about McCoy's selection (one of 11 nationally) to be a part of the Ready by 21 Quality Counts Initiative (to improve the quality and reach of these programs. Main components:
 - Data Gathering and Analysis
 - McCoy will be available as a resource to Indy community to gather info on how to connect all of the resources available for youth
 - McCoy will compile all school, afterschool, other youth resources and make this available to the entire community as a sort of "Wikipedia". Responsibility for updating this info will fall to the agencies providing services
 - Building Community Buy-in for Youth Development
 - 60% of youth are not prepared at 21 for life/work/school
 - How can we build the buy-in to support these youth
 - Program Quality Assessment
 - Program assessment tool by staff and external observers (by High Scope- www.highscope.org for more information on their main points for assessment and assessment theories)
 - Provides a framework to help agencies look at what they are doing and how they can do it better
 - Trained teams of all ages (youth-adult) will go in and comment on programs
 - Look at how to coordinate training in all local youth serving agencies
 - John and McCoy staff will be visiting sites around the country to gather information for implementation of the Indy Ready by 21 projects
 - John sees a partnership with ACI agencies as a tool to achieving the goals of the project
 - By being able to demonstrate progress/achievements, the afterschool movement will be able to better secure resources and support for programs- this is good advocacy
 - Speaking of advocacy-

Events- Joenne Pope

- Pre-planning for Afterschool Week event

Other Business

- Tim reminded everyone to join committees to help get ACI work accomplished
- Several people from the ACI with the Indiana Afterschool Network will be attending a Mott Foundation Annual conference for Mott's Afterschool Supportees

- Mayor Ballard will be hosting an event that will provide proceeds to the Boys and Girls Club- ACI should be looking at how to connect with Dep. Mayor Williams
- AYS Mardi Gras is February 2nd on Mass Avenue. See www.ayskids.org for more info. Other afterschool programs can still participate.
- January 26th AYS will have an Indiana Ice Day- proceeds from ticket sales will go to scholarships.
- Girls Scouts National Conference will be in Indy next October 2008

Next ACI Meeting- March 11th at 1pm, location TBD

David's new email= david.klinkose@yahoo.com

The meeting ending with a recognition of by the ACI of David Klinkose and his work for the Afterschool Movement in Indianapolis and his continued support