AFTERSCHOOL COALITION OF INDIANAPOLIS
MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2009
10:30 am – 12 pm
United Way of Central Indiana

Attendance: Stephen Barnes (Auntie Mame's), Sara Beanblossom (VSA Arts), Carl Biddings (Building Better Lives), Kim Black (Girl Scouts), Jim Boyd (Indpls Urban League), Julia Conner-Fox (Unity Development Center/St. Vincents), Judy Fraps (Washington Township), Mashariki Jywanza (Bridges to Success), Maureen Grey (AYS), David Klinkose (ACI and IAN), Andrew Lee (Art with a Heart), Amelia Miller (MCCOY), Gene Moore (IPS Transportation), Shalonda Murray (Auntie Mame's), Kim Nentrup (Young Audiences), Gary Pellico (Decatur Township), Joenne Pope (Indy Parks), Adrienne Preddie (YMCA), Emily Reid (College Mentors for Kids), Larcia Warthaw (U. Phoenix) Ophelia Wellington (Freetown Village), Denise Whitfield (IPS Transportation), Daphne Williamson (YMCA), Debbie Zipes (ACI and IAN)

Introductions & Welcome – David Klinkose

IPS Transportation & Afterschool Programs
Gene Moore & Denise Whitfield, IPS Transportation
- Mr. Moore asked what ACI members would like to know from IPS Transportation. ACI members stated that transportation is a huge budget expense that impacts the number of children they are able to serve. They asked if IPS buses could drop students off at afterschool sites (with parent consent). Providers with before school programs and daycare centers asked if IPS buses could pick students up before school too.
- Mr. Moore discussed the complexity and challenges of accommodating these requests, especially due to the high mobility of students, the constant changes in requests from parents, the budget shortfall, among other issues.
- With this being said, Mr. Moore stated that if an afterschool site is on the same bus route a child typically takes home, it is possible for the child to be dropped off at an afterschool location. **Providers must submit their transportation requests to Mr. Moore directly for consideration—IF YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE THIS, YOU NEED TO DO IT AGAIN, as some logistics have changed. Contact Mr. Moore at 226-4500 or** moorege@ips.k12.in.us
- Students can also be potentially picked up at before/afterschool sites located within IPS boundaries if parents initiate a change of address for the student. Principals can help with this process.

- Mr. Moore made the following recommendations for providers using other transportation companies: make sure they have good drivers with background checks; use credible companies, probably the larger ones. A list of IPS approved bus vendors is attached.
- ACI members asked Mr. Moore if he would write a memo explaining the policies and procedures for transportation requests to program sites. Mr. Moore said that he will meet with his team to see how they can best respond to these needs. He will then put the information in writing for ACI to distribute.

Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY)
Amelia Miller, Community Initiatives Associate amelia.miller@mccoyouth.org

- Provided an overview of advocacy, training, events and other afterschool resources. MCCOY provides: Youth Activity Directory, EASY Book, ROY: Resources Online for Youth, Events Calendar. Providers can post their events on the MCCOY calendar, which will also be promoted via their e-newsletter.
- MCCOY provides training, professional development, advocacy resources via MCCOY Learning Network and Allied for Youth. Join Allied for Youth online for discussions pertinent to youth providers. Currently there is a discussion about what providers need from advocacy training.
- MCCOY is sponsoring the Summit for Student Success, along with America's Promise and many organizations in central Indiana. August 10, Hilbert Circle Theatre. Register on website.
- For more information on events, trainings, newsletters, to enter your program information in their database, search for programs, and post your events - go to www.mccoyouth.org.

Indiana Afterschool Standards - Debbie Zipes

- IAN convened a taskforce to create these standards. They are in final draft. Visit website www.indianaafterschool.org to download a copy and send feedback ASAP.

Mapping Project – Debbie Zipes

- Indiana Afterschool Network and MCCOY are working to find ways to exchange program information between their two databases. IAN's database is statewide, and focuses on before, afterschool, and summer program locations and basic information. MCCOY's database is for central Indiana, and focuses on all youth-related programs and services. Both organizations will create reports highlighting gaps in services and other information.

ACI Media Committee – Sara Beanblossom

- Discussed Lights On 2009, a national day to promote and celebrate afterschool programs. Nationally, the date is October 22, but this is Fall

- Break for IPS and Washington Twp. ACI members recommended selecting a day to celebrate that is not during Fall Break.
- ACI members asked what is the message we want to communicate and to whom? Who is the main focus of the event? Parents, kids, providers, politicians, media?
- ACI members discussed having satellite locations for celebrations, as not everyone will be able to access transportation to a single site.
- COME HELP plan: next committee meeting is at the Boys and Girls Club office in the Boner Center on 10th Street – Tuesday, July 21st at 10:30 am
- Please send feedback on current and future Lights On events to Sara at sbeanblossom@vsai.org

Finalizing ACI Priorities & Goals
Update on Election of Officers and Committee Chairs
- ACI will hold elections for officers at the September ACI meeting
- If you are interested in participating as an officer or on a committee – please contact David Klinkose dklinkose@indianaafterschool.org
- There will a strategic planning committee meeting to discuss ACI priorities, action steps, committee structure, etc. Contact Debbie if you would like to participate dzipes@indianaafterschool.org

Networking & General Announcements
- Debbie mentioned a grant possibility from Microsoft – ACI members identified technology needs such as laptops, flash drives, children's software programs, office suites, possibly a laptop that can be checked out from ACI to ACI members, staff training on Microsoft resources, tools and safety issues.
- Visit TechSoup for discounted software and other technology resources for non-profits: http://www.techsoup.org/
- President Carl Biddings of Building Better Lives in Lawrence County talked about his new grassroots organization. Program focuses on low income communities and helping students get the resources they need.
- Dino Klein discussed the AWARE program, a drug prevention and awareness program for 7th graders. www.addictionawareness.org
- Back Pack Attack – going on now! Qdoba and AppleBees are participating partners and will donate 15% of your meal on particular days to backpacks and school supplies for kids. www.BackPackAttackIndy.org
- A sign up sheet was distributed for people who are interested in joining a resource/supply development committee – email Debbie if you are interested in participating dzipes@indianaafterschool.org

Next ACI Meeting: September 8, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm