



AFTERSCHOOL COALITION OF INDIANAPOLIS MEETING AGENDA

May 12, 2009
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Office

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Ophelia Wellington – Freetown Village, Judy Fraps – MSD Washington Township, Kim Black – Girl Scouts, Denise Gawry – Muncie Public Library, Donna Browne – Muncie Public Library, Richard Gordon – IUPUI, Jim Walkes – The Second Story, Julia Conner-Fox – Unity Center St. Vincent, Coco Wolf – Boys and Girls Club, Regina Trout – John Boner Center, Stephanie Haines – Community Partnerships Young Audiences, Richard Hochstetler – ULEAD, Katrice Keys – Urban YMCA, Joenne Pope – Indy Parks and Recreation, Maureen Grey – AYS Kids, Jim Boyd – Indianapolis Urban League, Kathy Demisel, Cynthia Oda, Rod Haywood, LeeAnn Kwiatkowski – IN Dept. of Education, Dre Knox – IN Dept of Education, Sholonda Trice – IN Dept. of Education, Sarah Reynolds – YMCA, Harold Bell – The Community Rule, Kim Nentrup – School Partnerships Young Audiences, Sara Beanblossom – USA, Janice Hicks Slaughter – Marian College, Katie Maxwell – Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, Rosie Hickle – Dyslexia Institute of Indiana, Brian Laskey – College Mentors, Kate Dotson – College Mentors, Tami Wanniger – Noble of Indiana, Melanie Priest – School on Wheels, Andrew Lee

Introductions & Welcome – David Klinkose welcomed members and guests. Everyone introduced themselves and the organizations they represented.

IUPUI Solutions Center – Richard Gordon presented an overview of the IUPUI Solutions Center and how organizations can benefit from the services. The Nonprofit Solutions Center maintains a free, extensive, on-line database of pre-screened consultants and contractors who specialize in working with nonprofit organizations. The site allows users to perform a quick and easy search of potential consultants and learn more about their skills, backgrounds, and competencies. The Solutions Center can also help organizations: define needs, narrow the search, hire a consultant, and manage a consultant. Richard also mentioned the Venture Fund that was created to fund NFP projects specifically for capacity building. Contact information: npsol@iupui.edu or 317-278-7636.



Website and Mapping Project – Debbie Zipes reported that the Indiana Afterschool Network received funding from the Indiana Department of Education to find out where afterschool programs are across the state. **Debbie asked that everyone enter their afterschool programs in the database ASAP.** The database can be a resource for school leaders to find potential partners for afterschool programs for which they can use Title I funding. Debbie provided a questionnaire (Indiana Afterschool Network Database Survey) that can be filled out or submitted on-line. Debbie demonstrated how to enter the data on the new Indiana Afterschool Network website. A “flag” appears on the map after the information is approved. Users can click the flag for more information. The map is adjustable and different views can be seen.

Website – Debbie reviewed the new website (www.indianaafterschool.org). Links include: advocacy and research, funding and resources, networking and training, afterschool standards, search tools for programs, and more. There is also an Indianapolis site – www.afterschoolcoalition.org. This site includes information, such as, Welcome from the President (David Klinkose), Find an Afterschool Program, Who We Are, Special Initiatives, Meeting Minutes, Council and Committees, and Members.

Afterschool Standards – Debbie Zipes reported that the committee is working on standards and should have a draft document within a couple of weeks. They are using the National Afterschool Standards as a foundation for the Indiana standards. The committee is open to additional members.

Marketing and Advocacy – Sara Beanblossom reported that the committee is looking at alternative ways to conduct afterschool awareness week to reach stakeholders. Some of the options considered are: A State House Day for Legislators, Doing a visitation with State House staff, and a Mini-conference on how to talk to legislators. If anyone has suggestions on things that have worked effectively, let Sara know.

The purpose of the Lights-On event is to raise awareness of the afterschool movement and to provide activities for students. The committee is currently considering the date and location. If anyone wants to participate in the planning please contact Sara Beanblossom. David Klinkose emphasized that the purpose of these events is to advocate for the afterschool movement.

Other Updates:

Judy Fraps and David Klinkose reported on the Afterschool Challenge that they attended in Washington, DC. They were given talking points to use when meeting with legislators or their staff. They met with five or six Representatives and two Senators or their assistants. They also heard Arne Duncan speak (Secretary of Education). He believes education should be intergenerational.



Indiana Department of Education and Stimulus Funds

Lee Ann Kwiatkowski, Title I Director (DOE) – Title I funds focus on schools with a high percentage of poverty. A federal level formula is used to determine how much districts receive. Districts submit a Title I application. This year, districts have additional funding (stimulus) for Title 1. Ms. Kwiatkowski advised that providers meet with Title I administrators in each district. All students in a school-wide program would be eligible for Title I-funded programs. Title I funds in a “targeted” Title 1 school can not be used for students that are not Title I eligible. The sooner connections can be made, the better.

Sholonda Trice, SES Specialist (DOE) – Academic assistance is provided to Title I schools, especially in the areas of reading, language art, math and science. Eligible students are non-proficient, have not passed ISTEP, and receive free or reduced lunch. Academic assistance can be provided before school, afterschool or school breaks. There is an application process to become a provider. The next deadline will be December 2009. A review panel reviews the application and uses a scoring rubric.

Dre Knox, Director, 21st Century Community Learning Centers (DOE) – The 21st Century Program targets low performing and high poverty schools. The program includes academic enrichment, tutoring, and homework help. 31,000 students are being serviced across the state. The next application process will probably take place in December 2009. For information, visit www.doe.in.gov/21cclc. Professional development is available.

Next Meeting: David asked members to plan to attend the **June 9th** meeting at the UWCI Building. Debbie asked if there are other topics members would like to have on future meeting agendas.