



**Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis (ACI)
Meeting Minutes
United Way of Central Indiana
September 20, 2005**

Present: Claudia Branman, Mary Bergerson, Sara Beanblossom, Mary Beusarson, John Brandon, Carol Burns, Amanda Cullum, Kim Donahue, Tim Fretz, Cheryl Hall-Russell, Monty Hulse, David Klinkose, Lisa Leming, Gary Pellico, Erin Schaaf, Kathy Sharpe, D'Andre' Waldron, Kimberly Weaver

Introductions- Cheryl Hall Russell

- ACI members were welcomed and briefly introduced themselves.

Opening Remarks and Minutes Review – Cheryl Hall Russell and David Klinkose

- Cheryl asked members to review the minutes from the July Meeting. She pointed out that she would like to continue increasing membership, and focusing on policy in the upcoming year. There will be policy updates via email and at upcoming meetings.
- The Midwest Music Summit was a huge success!
- David stated that Indianapolis Museum of Art has a Resource Center that has materials that can be used and checked out for Afterschool Programming.

Committee Reports

Business Committee – Tim Fretz

- The Committee has not met, but they have communicated via email.
- The Committee would like to identify areas of need and the resources that are necessary. They would also like to identify businesses in the community that are interested in ACI.
- The Business Committee is working on a Concept Paper that will have five focus areas.
- David would like to target areas that are not currently being looked at.

Media/Website

Website – Monty Hulse

- Monty reported that the technical side is place for the website, but the content is not there yet. He has been working with Bryan Orander who will be the Project Manager for the project.
- Bryan Orander will do initial work for the website and BTS will maintain it.

Media – David Klinkose

- David showed the J.C. Penny Education Fund video.
- David would like to use this piece on some of the local channels.
- There are free downloadable BSA on the Afterschool Alliance website.

Events – David Klinkose

- Lights On will be held October 13, 2005, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at the RCA Dome.
- Indy Parks submitted a letter to have the fee waived.
- There are currently 30 vendors, and Don is trying to get 20 more.
- There will be an education piece before the drug awareness part followed by entertainment.
- The event will be age specific for each age group.

Training and Standards – Kim Donahue and John Brandon

- Committee would like training opportunities available to everyone.
- They are collecting information on what type of training opportunities are necessary. John asked the coalition members to state or forward their training topics and needs to him at john.brandon@mccoyouth.org.
- Committee would like to link the ACI website to MCCOY and AYS' websites.

Mapping/Demographics – David Klinkose

- David has recruited two students from SPEA that are going to help with mapping.
- He would like to get with agencies that don't currently have their Afterschool programs listed, because once the holes are identified we can ask for more funding.

Program Evaluation – Amanda Cullum

- Mindy Hightower King has been working with the YMCA for the past three years on their current 21st Century grant process.
- The evaluation has been a good component for allowing the YMCA to see what needs to be improved.
- There is a survey for each component of the program.
- Advisory Board does site visits and gives recommendations.
- Each year there are different focuses and different things measured.
- This year homework time was focused on.

Presentations

Claudia Branman of the Princeton Review

- Provider of Supplemental Education Services that came out of No Child Left Behind.
- Claudia Branman would like to collaborate with ACI to provide an academic component.
- Please review The Princeton Review brochure for further information on their program.

Other Business

- Decatur Township collaborated with Mary Rigg, and opened a New Community Center. The grand opening of the center was September 11, 2005.
- Due to enrollment increase, Decatur Intermediate Learning Center was opened for 5th and 6th grade students.
- AYS is now a United Way of Central Indiana agency.
- Young Audiences annual Chocolate festival will be held September 21, 2005, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the Arts Garden.

Next meeting: *Urban Mission YMCA*