

MENDOCINO WORKS

Fort Bragg Center Council MINUTES

May 11, 2006

Cindi Hood – MPIC, Rachel Murray – WEST, Jan Kurtyka – MCDSS, Pamela Harpster – MPIC, Charlene Leonard – Safe Passage.

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Cindi Hood

Pamela Harpster

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

Special Events:

Inter-Agency Training Day for FB – Cindi

Went very well. Some suggested changes for next time that was noticed were a final roster of participants and/or agenda was needed. The committee determined that this event should possibly be repeated again in each year, perhaps a “Referral Fair” and ask for additional information such as “General Requirements” for each program. Maybe including the Housing Department and Regional Services.

The Human Race:

Will be this weekend. T-shirts have been printed up for those who participate in the walk. Over \$600.00 in donations have been turned in for Mendocino Works.

Workshops: Cindi:

WEG workshops will be offered by North Bay Veterans Resource Services once a month in Fort Bragg and in Ukiah. In Willites, JA and MPIC will conduct them. Dates to be announced.

Meeting Dates:

Discussion about the date of the next FBCC led to decision trying to have the meeting every other month in order to develop a good forum of active members. The members pondered that having the meeting on a quarterly basis keeps things at too far out on the calendar and lends to lower participation and less efficiency. Decided to have the next meeting on July 11th.

Community Updates:

- Chamber Mixer tonight at the Mendocino Hotel.
- College of the Redwoods having a showing of their wood working projects.

Agency Reports:**DSS:**

- Jan – States that the TANF program is undergoing many changes and cutbacks. The State run child care will experience many changes. Information will be released in June. Also, Mental Health, Public Health and DSS will all be one entity.
- Mental Health will be sending someone to the MW One-stop one day per week, and Jan will email Pam her name so that she can be sent information regarding the Center Council meetings.
- The “Self Sufficiency Calculator” should be released soon.

MPIC:

- Cindi – would like to set a date to bring staff to DSS so that they can “meet the faces” of the ESRs and FARs as to strengthen referrals. MPIC needing more referrals.
- Rachel – discussed strategies for referrals from DSS clients that are interested in entrepreneur opportunities.

Safe Passage:

- Charlene – discussed needs for childcare reimbursements for parents needing childcare during meetings and trainings at Safe Passage.
- Health Fair on Sept. 16 or 23 (TBA) atr the Redwood. Health screenings, activities, fun with clowns, games and giveaways. They will also have a nutritionist on site and a gardening demonstration with good nutrition as topic matter.
- Once a month Inter/Combio food and socialize where everyone speaks Spanish for the first hour and English the second hour.
- Healthy Kids Mendocino offers health care insurance for even “undocumented” children, and offers specialty medicine.

WEST:

- Rachel – Will be starting a workshop in Fort Bragg.
- Recently had a business Funding Fair in Ukiah and one in Fort Bragg. This brought in several good prospects as they invited bankers offering lending opportunities.
 - Future considerations they are looking at offering Insurance, Business hiring, and E-Commerce Fairs.

Group Roles:

Facilitator: Marjorie, Recorder: Pam

Next Meeting: July 11, 2006 at 1:30 pm