

Community Stakeholder – Theme 2
Education and Training Committee Meeting
April 16, 2009

Members Present: Walt Kinsey, Tony Geiger, Beverly DeVelbiss, Linda Kayser, Cheryl Troyer, Alice Giesken, Mark Bowyer, John Nixon, John Snyder and Tony Swygart

Welcome: The meeting was held on April 16, 2009 from 4 – 5 p.m. in the Café Conference Room at St. Rita's Medical Center's. Walt Kinsey welcomed committee members.

Priority #1: Educate the public and law enforcement of issues.

- It was suggested there would be other open forums similar to the one held at Lima Senior High School, structured with topical questions and community policies.
- It was also suggested there be a development of broader based information broken down into the top 10 questions to be answered via WLIO, community meetings or ROP.

Priority #2: Educate the public as to the court systems.

- Develop a similar Mission Statement based on the Middletown presentation with the development of a Citizen's Advisory Board. It could read as follows:

" The mission of the Allen County Law Enforcement city wide division of Police Citizens Advisory Board is to foster open communication among the citizens of greater Allen County community and the division of police. The goal is to be proactive in addressing issues and concerns citizens may have with the division of police. We will work to develop honest and open dialog between community and Chief of Police so that both the citizens and the police may better understand each others role in making the Lima Community a better place for all."
- Judges in Allen County will have open forums and discussions with community members on a quarterly or bi-annual basis.
- Discuss Top 10 Questions if applicable to the court systems:
- Also develop a "Did you know" article in the Lima News, schools to educate Allen County citizens and students as to the court systems.

Priority #3: Community participation.

- Develop a 2-hr. curriculum for all students to participate at the Middle School level due to court appearance issues, police training, judges input to educate them and define our court systems for student understanding.
- Develop special education to police force for diverse groups with special needs, i.e., hearing impaired, developmental challenged, physically challenged, etc.
- Open discussions in schools about the perceptions about police. There are two currently well received: Safety City and RAD Kids. Either take these to a higher level or add another if needed.

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Talking Points / Suggestions include:

- Ask Catherine Garlock pull the top three from each group for an idea exchange meeting with herself and Tony Geiger, City Law Director.
- It was suggested that the Advisory Board play a larger role and focus on the entire county in order to be proactive instead of reactive to the needs of the community.
- It was felt more diversity was needed on some Stakeholder's Committee such as press, police, educators, spiritual community leaders. It was felt that our Education and Community Stakeholder's Committee was fairly balanced except for a press member which we are pursuing as an added member at this time.
- It was recommended as a possibility, to have an All Stakeholder's Updated Meeting in June, July or August of 2009, similar to the opening meeting at UNOH.
- Gate Keeper for information release was also discussed and recommended to go forward. Gate keeper's job responsibility would be an impartial person from the community to help answer questions to the Advisory Board.

The next scheduled Stakeholder meeting will be on **June 18, 2009 from 4 – 5 p.m.** in the Café Conference Room at St. Rita's Medical Center.

2009 Meeting Dates:

August 20, 2009

October 15, 2009

December 17, 2009

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MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name	3/5/09	4/16/09	6/18/09	8/20/09	10/15/09	12/17/09
Alice Geisken	x	x				
Andy Bianco						
Becky DeVelbiss		x				
Beth Ridenour						
Bill Leitch	x					
Brian Rockhold						
Brittany Collier-Gibson						
Cheryl Troyer	x	x				
Chris Pfister						
Clay Balyeat						
Dave Hochstetler	x					
Gary Kitchin						
Jennie Horner						
Jim Bronder						
Joel Hatfield						
John Nixon	x	x				
John Snyder		x				
Karel Oxley	x					
Linda Kayser	x	x				
Mark Bowyer		x				
Michelle Sterling						
Paul Nardini	x					
Rev. Kent Wilson						
Tony Geiger	x	x				
Tony Swygart	x	x				
Vickie Fowler						
Walt Kinsey	x	x				
Wilma Kirkman						
Guest Jeff Ramey / SRMC	x					