

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Marshall County Courthouse | Warren, MN

Resource Providers present: Nancy Ramon – Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Trevis Knutson – Warren Alvarado Oslo School, Frances Tougas – North Valley Public Health, Kyle Erickson – Northwest Regional Interdistrict Council, Ruth Finseth – Marshall County Social Services, Stacy Laudal – Marshall County Social Services, Cindy Kilen – Living at Home/Block Nurse Program, Susan Askeland – Warren Living at Home/Block Nurse Program, Amber Buzick – Marshall County Social Services , Pat Braaten – Violence Intervention Project, and Shannon Henrickson – Marshall County Group Homes

Also present: Jessica Spaeth - Compass Business Consulting

The meeting began at 10:10 a.m. with a welcome and introduction by Jessica Spaeth of Compass Business Consulting. The group provided brief introductions of agency names and titles.

Resource Group Organization

Spaeth gave a brief description of the resource group, intentions and desired outcomes. Spaeth noted that while Compass Business Consulting's contract has ended, it will continue to collect missing information to add to the website. Going forward, Stacy Laudal at Marshall County Social Services will be the key contact for the group.

Review Minutes from previous meetings

The group reviewed meeting minutes from the September 20, 2016 meeting.

Website Project Update

Spaeth, a representative of Compass Business Consulting, reviewed Google Analytics, noting the location of the users and keywords used in searches. Spaeth also noted that most users are desktop users, indicating service providers are likely the majority of the users at this time. Updates and changes were noted. Spaeth will make corrections to the site as determined by the group.

Discussion

There was discussion on the importance of involving school districts, as the first contact to many in the area, the schools are of significant importance.

General Group Updates

Nancy Ramon – Tri-Valley Opportunity Council was the recipient of a grant to provide training on homelessness – searching for topics and speakers. Special training will be provided to schools on homelessness. There was an increase of MNSure applicants in November and December. New newsletter is out.

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Frances Tougas – SHIP, Extension, and SNAP-Ed putting on a One Vegetable One Community workshop January 26, 2017. Rewriting the Rural Narrative – Sustaining Rural America presentations on February 7. 2017 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena, Thief River Falls, and February 8, 2017 at the Crookston Inn, Crookston.

Shannon Henrickson – Marshall County Group Homes fundraiser March 5, 2017 from 2-4:00 pm.

The meeting ended at 11:23 a.m.

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