

**CHESTER COUNTY CARING COMMUNITIES COALITION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**MARCH 23, 2007 - 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM, CHESTER COUNTY YOUTH CENTER, WEST CHESTER PA**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Karen Dickinson	Unionville-Chadds Ford CTC
Brett Illig	Message of Hope
Lisa Frazer	Planned Parenthood
Wayne Grinwis	Planned Parenthood
Cindy Flores	New Life Youth & Family Services
Blayne Easter	Big Brother Big Sisters
Melissa Walsh	Chester County Health Department
Nakia Mack	Chester County OIC
Laura Wilson	Mentors Matter
Carol Henson	West Chester CTC/ Childhood Education Coalition
Christiana Valocchi	West Chester Area CTC
Mary Ann Hughes	Downingtown Area CTC
Danielle Horgan	Chester County Intermediate Unit
Catherine Scanlon	Chester County Intermediate Unit
Diane Donahue	Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Lori Gnack	Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
Susan Pizzi	Chester County Hospital
Babette Benham	Pro-Act
Brad Zerr	Paoli Hospital
Mitch Bernstein	Brandywine YMCA
Barry Schickling	Childhood Education Coalition
Jill Santiago	Family Voice Advocacy
Ellen Moeller	ARCH
Brooke Hedderick	The Crime Victims' Center of Chester County
Nancy Clegg	The Coad Group
Charles Wagner	Chester County Intermediate Unit
Carolyn Best	Chester County Highway Safety
Fran Luft	YWCA Chester County
Patti Olenik	Kennett CTC – Garage Youth Center
Susan Siensa	Youth to Youth
Lynn Chaiken	Nemours Foundation
Holly Favino	Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center
Terry Mullineux	Chester County Intermediate Unit
Renee Fairconecture	Maternal Child Health Consortium
Heidi Bryan	Feeling Blue Suicide Prevention
Kate Rivas	Chester County OIC
Tom McGuirk	Main Line Health (American Cay Center)
Mary Anne Feeley	United Way of Chester County
Vicky Malthaner	4-H Youth Leadership Initiatives
Karen Murphy	Phoenixville School District
Jody Harman	DCCC – GED Program
Jeri Fakete	DCCC – GED Program
Michele Steiner	The Chester County Hospital
Karen Brenneman	Child and Family Focus

Gina Buckman	Chester County MH/MR
Ed McKanna	Child and Family Focus
Jamie Dorning	Juvenile Probation
Dana Strode Tritle	United Way of Chester County
Lisa Carroll	West Chester Area CTC
John Bakken	The Coad Group
JoAnn Santangelo	Juvenile Probation
Jaclyn Gleber	Chester County Community Dental Center
Tracy Johnson	Systems of Care
Connie Swarts	Children Youth and Family
Carrie Avery	Chester County Youth Center
Gregg Russell	The First TEE
Debbie Willett	Child and Family Focus
Jack Craig	Juvenile Probation Office
Michele Parker	Chester County Community Dental Center
Paul Karaman III	New Life Youth and Family
Nicole Flynn	The Chester County Hospital
Tom Dintamant	Boy Scouts of America
Pat Yoder	Chester County Health Department
Dorothy Cureton	The Chester County Crime Victims' Center
Andy Trautmann	Downingtown Police
Kathy Collier	Great Valley Community PHY
Joshua Grove	The Coad Group
Brooke Hedderick	Great Valley Community PHY, Crime Victims' Center
Carrie Avery	Chester County Youth Center
Meg Polvino	Chester County Dept. of Drug & Alcohol Services
Danielle Salada	Octorara CTC/Octorara YMCA
Sean Saunders	PHY, COAD, Boy Scouts, The Second Mile
Buzz Tyson	Lighthouse Youth Center
Dolores Winston	Phoenixville CTC
Pat Yoder	Chester County Health Dept.
Diana Munson	Juvenile Probation Office
Jane Trimble	Great Valley School District
Kim Lewis	Juvenile Probation Office
Drue Thomas	Chester County JPO
Dee Donato	Chester County Crime Victims' Center
Dawn Lagunas	Creating Our Future
Kimberly Slack	Chester County Crime Victims' Center
Carol Intintol	Chester County Crime Victims' Center
Sue Wedo	Brandywine YMCA
Carol Stoyock	Catholic Social Services

Plus other attendees that did not sign in.

**Welcome & Introductions** The meeting/ expo was facilitated by Barry Schickling and Christiana Valocchi from the temporary steering committee.

**Presentation** – Thank you to Sue Siensa for bringing a group of students from the Youth to Youth conference and the special break dance performance they gave. The Youth presented one example of peer prevention in our county and told those present about their annual conference in January and weekly peer to peer meetings etc.

## Old Business

### Coalition Temporary Steering Committee Report:

The Coalition will continue being facilitated by the Temporary Steering Committee until the June 2007 Coalition meeting. Selections for the 12 person steering committee, including the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Collaboration Coordinator are being taken and should be addressed to any member on the Temporary Steering Committee. Barry discussed the nomination forms, for the Steering Committee and the membership forms for the Coalition. Both forms will be sent to the Coalition electronically before the June meeting. The temp steering committee will guide the new team coming into place July 1, 2007. Christina Valocchi discussed that going forward the temporary steering committee suggests the Coalition participants to take a more active role in planning and preparing for meeting. Starting in June participants can volunteer for setting up the physical room arrangements, providing refreshments, and after meeting clean up. For the June meeting Great Valley Community PHY, Kennett CTC, and Amnion volunteered to provide the refreshments.

**New Business** Following this short business portion approximately 90 attendees were invited to view 38 exhibits. Exhibits were from:

Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center	Feeling Blue
American Day Treatment Center	Great Valley Community PHY / Parent Network
ARCH	Home and Community Services – CCIU
Brandywine Valley YMCA	Homeless Children’s Initiative/Young Parents Program CCIU
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern PA	Maternal Child Health Consortium
Childhood Education Coalition of Chester County	Mentors Matter – Laura Wilson Bonner
Chester County Caring Communities Coalition	New Life Youth and Family Truancy Program
Chester County Community Dental Center	Nurse Family Partnership
Chester County Highway Safety Project (SADD/SafeKids)	OIC – I CAN Program
Chester County Youth Center and Shelter	Octorara CTC
Chester County Department of Children Youth and Families	Peer to Peer Outreach/Youth to Youth Conference
Child and Family Focus	Phoenixville CTC
COAD/Chester Co. Drug and Alcohol	Planned Parenthood of Chester County
Creating our Future Leaders	Pro – Act
The Crime Victims’ Center of Chester County	The Chester County Hospital
Domestic Violence Center of Chester County	The Garage Youth Center
Downingtown Area CTC	West Chester Area CTC
Family Voice Advocacy	Youth Suicide Prevention
FAST – Families and Schools Together	YWCA Chester County

It was noted that we are in our 4th year of growing the Coalition from the original 14 member task force to this kind of interactive networking and collaboration.

Gary Blair, director of the Youth Center spoke about the ways Coalition partners have contributed to quality youth programming at the Center, and given youth valuable life skills and training. Many also took an optional tour of the Youth Center facilities. Some networked about ways to bring their programming into the Youth Center on an ongoing basis.

Respectfully Submitted, Danielle Salada, Acting Secretary