



**Meeting Minutes – Steering Committee**

Date: January 23, 2018

Time: 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference

**Steering Committee Members:**

Kirt Briggs (E)		Mickey Choudek (W)	X	Bob Crawford (T)	X
Bob Coughlen (H)	X	James Eriksrud (H)		Josh Johnson (T)	
Darren Kermes (W)		Jamie Thelen		Kami Thompson (E)	X
Bethany Tjornhom	X	Jon Ulrich (T)	X	Joe Vaughan	
Jane Wiley (T)	X	Mike Waldo (H)	X	Eric Weiss	X

**Staff:**

Tracy Cervenka	X	Brad Davis	X	Lisa Freese (T)	X
Jake Grussing		Brad Larson (T)	X	Kathy Nielsen	X
Barb Dahl (W)	X				

**IZI Update:**

Kathy Nielsen advised the members that the Educational Preparedness IZI is scheduled for Saturday, March 3 from 10am-1pm at Shakopee East Junior High. Flyers will be available for distribution soon. She suggested making personal invitations, reaching out to those who would add value to the discussion. The Housing IZI will be held on Tuesday, March 20 and the Workforce Readiness IZI will be held on Tuesday, April 20, both from 6-9pm. Locations are to be determined. Look for an e-mail from Kathy with a survey our team members are being asked to take. The responses will help Marnita’s table determine our team’s needs in order to make the IZI’s successful.

**Work Group Updates:**

Barb Dahl provided an update from the Workforce Readiness Work Group. She reported that members of the Group met with a variety of post-secondary schools including Dakota County Technical College, Inver Hills Community College, and Normandale Community College to discuss about what post-secondary looks like here. That conversation was helpful with some of the employer survey questions and will be helpful in determining how to bring post-secondary to Scott County. The employer survey (via phone) is underway and is planned to reach 400 employers. She hopes to have the results by the end of February. Staff is also reviewing information for a potential website that would list local job openings, housing and transportation. There is a meeting next week with high school principals to talk about educating parents about potential career tracks. Mickey Choudek suggested considering partnerships in post-secondary education such as the partnership between St. Thomas and United Health.

Kami Thompson provided an update from the Educational Preparedness Work Group. She advised that their group has been working primarily on preparing for their IZI including preparing sticky stats to present. Jon Ulrich suggested having the Readmobile outside during the event.

Mike Waldo provided an update from the Housing Work Group. At their last meeting, the Housing Group reviewed the Strategic Initiatives and worked on their 2018 Work Plan – which includes a focus on rental housing, follow-up on the Comprehensive Plan information, and the Governor’s Task Force Group. They also discussed their upcoming IZI and are hoping to learn about what is affordable as well as what people are looking for (underground parking, exercise rooms, etc.). They are thinking about the balance of savings today versus the long-term needs. Jon Ulrich noted the need to also be thinking about homeless individuals in the housing arena. Brad Larson also noted needs for housing for people with a felony record. Bethany Tjornhom also raised the issue of transitional and veterans including homeless veterans.

Brad Larson provided an update on the Transportation Work Group. He stated that the group did not meet in January. He sent information to the members about car ownership programs. Bob Crawford asked if there will be sticky stats for the Educational Preparedness IZI related to transportation.

#### **Strategic Partnerships Update:**

Kathy Nielsen highlighted some partnerships being formed, including:

- Meeting with post-secondary educational providers (mentioned earlier in the meeting)
- Presentation to FISH which has led to discussions with many people interested in joining a work group. They are: Beacon Interfaith, Tree Trust, a social worker at Park Nicollet, Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women, and a person providing housing for a homeless youth.

Mike Waldo mentioned Minnesota Interfaith Coalition of Affordable Housing (MICAH) as a potential group for partnership.

Jane Wiley asked if there is a way to engage our legislators in the discussion.

#### **Open Discussion:**

- Mike Waldo provided information in response to Kami Thompson’s questions about apartments in Scott County, specifically affordable apartments.
- Jon Ulrich urged all work groups to look for other voices that are not being heard. Kathy Nielsen asked everyone to let her know of anyone you would like her to talk with about a Work Group.
- Jane Wiley suggested offering basic post-secondary classes in the County, which would make it easier for students to continue going there for next classes.
- Bethany Tjornhom noted the February 8 FISH meeting is focused on housing programs.
- Kami Thompson noted that the Educational Preparedness Work Group is meeting tonight at 5pm at the Prior Lake Library.
- Bob Coughlen provided an update from the January SCALE Executive Committee meeting. There was discussion about future agendas including items from the Live Learn Earn Work Groups. Kathy Nielsen stated that the Housing Work Group is working on a program for a SCALE meeting.

