

## **Dane County People Can't Wait Coalition**

### **Draft Meeting Notes—Picnic “De-Briefing”--held on October 3, 2002**

Meeting was held at Laredo's. In attendance were: Lisa Pugh, Mike Pugh, Ken Hobbs, Mark Krummel, Theresa Fishler, Deb Henderson-Guenther, Nancy Anderson

#### **I. Picnic “De-Brief”**

Lisa reported that she received a call from Sen. Chvala after the picnic saying that he would be in support and a leader on Family Support issues. He also shared appreciation for the voter registration efforts. May be a resource for future strategizing.

#### **What went well?**

Discussed that we had good media turnout at key times when people were still there. People attending appeared to understand the issues at hand. About 30 people were registered to vote. The layout of the space was good for the purpose. Number of volunteers was sufficient, both for set up and clean up. The Social Work students were very helpful. In summary, the picnic was a great idea, we just need to further hone how we want to proceed. Budget—grants covered most of the costs. (Ken is preparing a final expense summary and will share at the next PCW meeting). We received \$48 in donations that day.

#### **What could be better?**

More coffee, condiments (mayo, tomatoes, olives and pickles), and subs—we ran out of all of them. About 40 feet of subs would have been better. Fewer chips (we had too many). Serving food—some people came through the line multiple times; others didn't get enough.

#### **Suggestions for the next picnic:**

- Have more “kid oriented” games and leadership on the games
- Have a more celebratory theme, maybe “Celebration of Disability” as a focus with entertainment and food.
- Maybe shorten the length of the picnic.
- Start soliciting donations earlier
- Line up sponsors earlier and keep them from year to year
- Develop a scrapbook or promo to give to new sponsors and acknowledge our current sponsors. Put current sponsors on the PCW website.

Lisa will do thank you's for the media contacts as well as Sen. Chvala. Deb will do a draft of a thank you that can be sent to the rest of the sponsors and donors. Those included: Subway, Schoepp's, Victor Allens Coffee and Teas, CAPOW, CLA, WCDD, and the Dane County DD Coalition.

## **II. Ideas for next PCW Coalition Meeting**

Those in attendance had a discussion about the proposed agenda for the next People Can't Wait Coalition meeting on October 16, 2002. Questions discussed are listed below, and warrant further discussion at the October 16 meeting:

- Should the Coalition have dues? That answer may depend on how the Coalition defines its purpose and structure. Should we be a Coalition of Coalitions? Should we be something different?
- Should we have connections to the other PCW Coalitions statewide? If so, how?
- What is the best time for our Coalition to meet? This answer may depend on how our Coalition develops.
- Are there ways for people to participate if they can't attend meetings? Could agendas and topics be emailed out beforehand?
- Are there common issues we can continue to rally around?
- How do we bring other people into the PCW Coalition to keep diversity going?
- Should we, and if so, how should we, deal with the County Budget issues and what will the PCW Coalition support. How would we advocate? What would our PR strategy be with the County Board and Kathleen Falk? One suggestion was having "observers" at all public hearings and share information from those hearings with each other via email. How could we have constant contact with County Board Supervisors?
- How should we deal with statewide budget issues?
- A suggestion was made that the Coalition sponsor a "County Budget 101" seminar for consumers and parents to help them join the Coalition and learn what some of the issues are. Should discuss this idea further in the context of the other questions.

The next People Can't Wait Coalition meeting will be held October 16, 2002 at 6:30 at 122 E. Olin Ave. Room 100.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Fishler