

**Partners for Otoe County  
Nebraska City Center for Children and Families  
August 2010 Minutes**

Holly Carr, Nebraska City Study Buddies Program Coordinator, and Amanda Davis, Syracuse/Talmage Study Buddies Program Coordinator gave a presentation on the Study Buddies Tutoring Program and plans for the fall semester. The Coordinators passed out volunteer packets and encouraged members to L-O-V-E - Look Out for Volunteers Everywhere – and pass the volunteer packet on to someone who would make a great tutor. Registration Fees will increase this year from \$5 to \$30 per semester in order to better cover operating costs.

President Kathy Kaufman called the Partners for Otoe County Board of Directors June meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. on Tuesday, August 24, 2010. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

Board of Directors present: Brooke Chaney, Kathy Kaufman, Steve Lade, Traci Reuter, Kay Kiechel-White, Brian Hoover, Kay Oestmann, Teri Stukenholtz, and Betty Stoll. Program staff Jacki Schmitz, Amanda Davis, and Holly Carr and prospective board members Grace Johnson and Clayton Radke also attended.

Communications:

Clayton Radke read a letter from Ben Rice, thanking the board for the opportunity to serve on the P4OC Board of Directors and recommending Clayton Radke to take his board position when his term expires next month.

Committee Reports on Progress with Strategic Plan:

- Nominating/Board Development – Kathy Kaufman reviewed the status of filling board and officer positions. The Nominating Committee is working to fill vacancies for the positions of: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer and Board positions for the school, faith-based, business, media and civic group sectors in time for the election of board and officers in September. Teri indicated she would be willing to serve as Treasurer at least through January if that would be helpful. Board members brought forth a couple of new names to recommend for nomination in several of the sectors needed.
- Program Sustainability/Policy Committee –no report
- Marketing Committee – Brooke shared information on special “Life of an Athlete” events being held in Otoe County on October 4<sup>th</sup>. P4OC will be bringing John Underwood to speak at St. Mary’s Community Hospital, Peru State College, Palmyra High School, Syracuse High School and Nebraska City High School. Region V is funding the speaker and his travel expenses. P4OC and Study Buddies Brochures were circulated. After School Club brochures are also ready to print. The website and electronic newsletter have also been launched, with a circulation of approximately 350. Kathy Kaufman encouraged each board member to send in 10 email addresses for people who should be receiving the newsletter. Laurie will send the current mailing list out in order to reduce duplication of effort. Betty Stoll suggested adding the board members of each foundation to the mailing list as well.
- Finance Committee – No report – Sustainability will be a priority for the November and December board meetings. Further discussion was recommended on establishing a registration fee for TiPS training.

Unfinished Business: Tabled until next month.

New Business:

A motion was made by Brooke Chaney and seconded by Betty Stoll to authorize the chair to sign the Umbrella Agreement between Otoe County CASA and Partners for Otoe County. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Kiechel-White and seconded by Brooke Chaney to approve the Affiliation agreement with Nebraska CASA Association and authorize the chair to sign. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Traci Reuter and Seconded by Teri Stukenholtz to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 12:00 noon at the Nebraska City Center for Children and Families. This will be the Annual Meeting with Election of Board Members and Officers.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacki Schmitz, Executive Director for  
Sarah Purcell, Secretary