



ERASE Coalition Meeting

Friday, March 17, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health

"Creating a healthier Winneshiek County through community collaboration."

Welcome--

In attendance: Jenny Rose (IPN Prevention); Kathy Schwartzhoff (Mentoring Coordinator); Jonathan Kobey (NEIBH); Charlie Woodcock (NEIBH); Vada Dahl (Decorah Community School District); Karin Martin-Hiner (Winneshiek County Public Health); Nicky Stansell (IHH, Bureau of HIV, STI, & Hepatitis); Becky Loven (NEIBH); Seth Robinson (NEIBH); Judy Holthaus (NEIBH)

Updates:

- *SOR3 Prevention:* Iowa Dept. of Health & Human Services will be coming out with 3 additional trainings. Jon Vagts works under the SOR3 Grant and can provide these additional trainings to groups, along with the previous trainings offered. The 3 new trainings will cover Naloxone and the different forms, Kratom, and how to help support for those suffering from addiction.
- *Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health (NEIBH):*
 - CCBHC began accepting clients on March 1st
 - Working with the suicide risk list
 - Moving forward with the downtown clinic on Water St. in Decorah
 - In the process of doing a Community Needs Assessment
 - Asking community members to take this survey: <http://bit.ly/NEIBHSurvey>
 - There will be listening sessions held in each county of the service area. The one in Decorah will be March 23rd at 6 PM at NEIBH in Decorah
 - Have hired some new staff, Kendra Parker will be joining ERASE next month
 - Hired 3 new therapists
 - Looking to hire a Care Coordinator in Elkader area
- *Youth Mentoring*
 - Upcoming training- Internet Safety, facilitated by Kathy Schwartzoff & Brittany McIntyre
 - Currently 10 matches in Winneshiek County with 5 youth waiting- 2 boys and 3 girls
 - 4 of the current matches are school-based
 - Started school-based mentoring with Crossroads Academy

- Have an upcoming Bowlathon fundraising event on March 26th at Kingpin in Decorah. There are still room for teams to bowl at 1:30 and 3:00 PM that day.
 - Have raised \$6,800 so far for youth mentoring
- *Integrated Provider Network (IPN) Prevention:*
 - Curriculum-Based Support Groups are currently going at South Winn with 2 groups of 4th grade students and a new group was started at Decorah Elementary
 - March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month
 - 4 employees from Toppling Goliath were recently certified in TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) and another training will be coming up on April 17th
 - Offering support to non-profit organizations on creating, strengthening, and/or implementing policies around workplace gambling
- *Winneshiek County Public Health:* Have been busy doing lots of vaccinations and continueing with home health care. A reminder to the community that there is a sharps disposal container outside of public health in Decorah that is available to use. They also offer free STI testing and now also offering free HIV testing.
- *IHH; Bureau of HIV, STI, & Hepatitis:* Nicky Stansell is our contact and she is offering trainings on the services they offer to any groups who would like to learn more.

What's your why? - Think about what is your 'why?' for being a part of the ERASE Coalition

Financial Report:

- \$689.45 unrestricted funds
 - Incentives for Substance Free Graduation Parties

Old Business:

- 988 Materials- Colinne created 988 promotion item with the ERASE logo on it. We will look at this to approve at the April meeting. These are to be added to the ERASE tote for tabling at events.
- Luther College Non-Profit & Camp Fair- Happened in March and Jon handed out ERASE brochures. Had a response from one person asking to be added to the coalition email list from this event.

New Business:

- [Marketing](#)
 - Substance Free Graduation Parties
 - [Letter](#) for schools. Ashley sent to Decorah & South Winn. Jenny is sending to Turkey Valley.

- Decide on incentives depending how many students sign up
- C-19 funding
 - Restrictions with funding
 - Hired Leah Hemesath to work under this grant. She will be starting on April 14th.
 - If you have updates for the ERASE website email them to Jenny
 - www.winneshiekerase.com
 - jrose@helpingservices.org
- National Drug Take-Back Day is coming up on Saturday, April 22nd
 - Jon is reaching out to law enforcement to see if they will be participating
 - This is always a good time to remind people to clean out their medicine cabinets and of the permanent drug take-back bins available in the community at Donlon's Pharmacy and Thrifty White Pharmacy.
- Community Survey
 - Is boosted on the Helping Services Facebook page- please share on your agency (or personal!) page if you are able
 - <https://www.facebook.com/helpingservices/>
 - Postcards were created with the survey link and QR code. RSVP is going to help distribute these throughout Decorah.
 - Link to a paper copy of the survey to print: [W Community Survey 2023.docx](#)
 - NEIBH took some paper copies
 - Sending to interagencies
- Hidden in Plain Sight (HIPS)
 - Want to partner with coalitions in Howard & Allamakee County to create a better room.
 - Ideas for items to include in HIPS: eye drops, diet pills, how to spot tendencies for violence
 - Ideas for places to have HIPS: grocery store, parent-teacher conferences, food pantry, Breakfast on the Farm (June), Nordic Fest (Sue P. from Donlon's might be a good contact to discuss having it at Nordic Fest).

Sustainability:

- [New Member Orientation Information](#)
- ERASE Tote will be kept at the Helping Services Decorah office

Next Steps:

- Asking law enforcement to come to the April meeting and give an update on things that are happening in the county (Jenny will reach out).

Next Meeting: The next ERASE meeting will be Friday, April 21, 2023, at 12 PM at Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health in Decorah (905 Montgomery St, Decorah, IA 52101) Please contact winneshiekerase@gmail.com if you wish to add something to the agenda.