

The March of Dimes
Kentucky Folic Acid Council Meeting
Minutes- January 13, 2000
Louisville, Kentucky

Members present: Sarah Chaffin, Rita Hayes, Susie Burckardt, Denise Maples, Katrina Adams, Diane Sprowl and Joyce Robl.

The meeting was called to order by Diane Sprowl (filling in for Susan Brown- Chair who was ill). The minutes were corrected to read on the last page from Linda Lancaster: "As a state employee and to avoid conflict of interest, Linda made it clear that she can not be actively involved in this bill preparation initiative." On page 2, Crystal Montgomery's comment was deleted. Also there was new info regarding page 3- the part about the Birth Surveillance Registry- only two hospitals in KY will be reporting-since they are the only two hospitals that do repair surgery. They are UK and Kosair. On page 4 Train the trainer's will not be a teleconference.

I. Old Business- 1. Train the trainer's will not be a teleconference. Invitations were sent to all Partnership Members and all Health Departments. Thirty-five have registered. Cut-off will be 50 since this is a pilot. The workshop is called "Spread the news - folic acid prevents birth defects!"

The topics include:

1. What are Neural tube defects?
2. How do we know folic acid prevents birth defects?

3. What are the nutritional aspects of folic acid?
4. What's your role?

The conference will be held on January 25, 2000 at the Berry Mansion in Frankfort. Joyce Robl, Katrina Adams, Emma Walters and Susan Brown are all presenters.

2. Sarah Chaffin researched the Indian population in Pike Co. and found no increase in numbers there.

(www.census.gov/pubinfo/www/aminhot/.htm/)

II. New Business:

1. Sarah also commented on the Pike Co. Press Conference and that it went well. Best of all she shared photos of her Folic Acid Display. It is 48" w x 48 1/2" h. Specifics were given to Diane to give to Susan for the workshop. Sarah will be bringing the display to the workshop. The cost is only about \$15. Other important news from Pike Co.- their FAC met 12-6-99. They had a proclamation signed for Birth Defects Prevention Month in January; Sarah also contacted Mitch McConnell about the possibility of folic acid being covered on food stamps and she received a nice reply back from him.

2. Future goals: What should our focus be? Discussion began about the non-contemplators. Susie Burckardt had many interesting comments on the subject therefore, it was suggested that she speak to the Partnership at the next meeting January 27, 2000. It was also decided that the 2000 MOD's goals would be used as an example for the committees to develop their own individual goals and objectives and submit them to Susan by 5-1-00. Susan will

then develop the overall KFAP goals based on that input and present them to the KFAP on 5-25-00.

III. Agenda for the Partnership-January 27, 2000

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Chair's report

Committee reports

Old Business: Review of achievements-Susan Brown (1999 Evaluation and the CDC Needs Assessment)

Distribution of the Folic Acid Information Packets Community-Diane Sprowl

New Business- "Reaching the non-contemplators" - Susie Burckardt

2000 MOD's goals-Susan Brown will distribute the 2000 goals and explain about the input needed by 5-1-00 to enable her to develop the overall KFAP goals by the next KFAP meeting 5-25-00.

The next FAC meeting will be 4-6-00 10AM-12PM EST in Louisville at the MOD's 4802 Sherburn Lane.

The meeting was adjourned by Diane Sprowl.

Respectfully submitted by,
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