

**PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY
MEETING MINUTES**

01.31.2013 | 3:15-4:30pm
Green Room @ Town Hall

- I. **Meeting called to order at 3:25pm by Kelley Edwards.**
 - a. Group participated in “yes and...” ice breaker in honor of the coalition’s 2013 theme. Being “yes and...” people empowers conversation and progress.
- II. **‘Round the table (community updates)**
 - a. Kelley Edwards – PiC
 - i. New website is live – <http://clintonpic.org>
 - b. Andrea Kaye - Clinton Youth & Family
 - i. Community Fun Drum Circle | March 2 | 4-6:30pm | Morgan café
 - ii. Wellness/lifestyle coaching for women with Barb Scala | March 5 | 7-8:30pm | Westbrook Lobster
 - c. Lisa Harden – Living Rock Church
 - i. Shoreline Night of Worship (and live music) | March 23 | 7-9pm | Living Rock Church
 - d. Jess Accetta – Morgan REACT
 - i. After a 3-hour training in October, Eliot REACT began its monthly meetings in January. They will focus on one asset a month for the rest of the school year and summer, along with leadership and team building activities. Five Morgan REACT students act as mentors to the group.
 - e. Andrea Reu – Clinton PTA
 - i. Meetings are first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. March 6th speaker: Charlene Voyce; topic: putting emotional intelligence into action.
 - f. Lisa Mason – MCSAAC
 - i. The bi-annual epidemiological profile is complete; data comparing state, county and local data can be found on MCSAAC’s website.
 - ii. MCSAAC is offering suicide prevention training called QPR (question, persuade, refer) to youth and adults. Trainees learn to recognize warning signs of suicidal crisis and persuade individuals to get help.
 - g. Jane Scully Welch – Clinton 350
 - i. PiC will assist Lions and Rotary with post-Memorial Day parade PiCnic
 - ii. August 31 – Heritage Days will include a parade; members interested in making a PiC float
 - iii. October – Community Spirit Days will include costume parade, increased participation in Morgan Homecoming events, pumpkin chunking
 - h. Catherine Barden
 - i. Thirty-five people came to the “toPiC of conversation” presentation about emerging drug trends; summary and PowerPoint can be found on PiC website
 - ii. New trend: ecstasy use (called “molly” in its pure form; rubbed on gums to ingest)

III. PiC Organization

a. [Andrea Reu]

PiC is always evolving, changing and moving forward so it is important to reflect on where the coalition is and where it is going, which was topic of retreat (see retreat notes for additional information)

b. [Andrea Reu]

PiC working agreement for this meeting and beyond (a living set of basic behavioral principles that can be revised and added to at any time)

- i. Everyone comes to the table as equals
- ii. Respect one another and opinions
- iii. Voicing differing opinions gives the group depth and is encouraged
- iv. Calm interactions only!
- v. Be a “life giver” by remembering the bottom line – we are here to do what is best for Clinton and its youth
- vi. Disagreeing with another idea doesn’t make it invalid
 1. Think outside the box
 2. Find the good in an idea/individual/group and embrace it
- vii. We must move into our “stretch zones” and challenge ourselves
- viii. No complacency in decision-making
- ix. Celebrate our history but do not dwell on the past
- x. Everyone’s time is important and needs to be respected
 1. Check-ins throughout meeting by facilitator to keep everyone on task and make sure input is being valued
- xi. Do not be afraid to fail – every effort is a success and moves PiC and Clinton forward

c. [Lisa Harden]

Review of PiC vision

- i. PiC should be a model of energy and teamwork; everyone was brought to the coalition to share unique talents to keep the machine moving forward.
- ii. We must use our goals and objectives as a foundation for our work and to bring “underwriters” to the table.

d. [Lisa Harden and coalition] Review of proposed infrastructure (below) and discussion

- i. Discussion
 1. 2-year term for chairs (1 year alone and 1 year shadowed by “chairperson elect”)
 2. Term limits
 3. Committees individually determine meeting schedule
 4. Can use online project management system like Basecamp to maintain records and stay updated between committees and meetings
 5. Grace period for operating under the new structure – there will be kinks to work out; growing and mistakes made

IV. Next meeting: February 13, 2013 at 4:30pm in the Green Room

- a. Agenda: discuss executive body (name, chairpersons), choose committees and have first committee meetings to establish structure and schedule.

Minutes submitted by Kristin Brooks, DFC grant coordinator for PiC