

## **HANDBAGS THAT HELP**

### **MEMBER MEETING**

December 14, 2011

9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

#### Meeting Remarks

Julie Anderson welcomed everyone and asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jeri Bjorling. Jeri's contributions to HTH were enormous and she will be missed dearly.

#### Vice-President's Report

Sandy Hansen spoke for Kollen Kirk-Rill and introduced the membership to changes in the bylaws. In addition, a new sub-circle will be added. The new Membership Sub-Circle will work to develop and implement plans for membership retention and recruitment.

#### Financial Report

Judy Pusateri, Treasurer, gave the financial report. The group was under budget for the newsletter mailing due to many members choosing to receive their newsletter through e-mail and the photographer's donation of her services. HTH will be granting \$37,716.00 this grant cycle.

#### Program Sub-Circle

Donna Ruse spoke to the membership about the upcoming meeting dates and educational programs. The next educational program will involve a presentation about the Gliding Stars. This program will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at the Cube.

The March voting meeting will be handled differently this year in an attempt to offer a time where every member can attend. Each member should attend the meeting on March 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. OR at 4:00 p.m. Each meeting will take place at the Findlay Inn and Conference Center and each meeting will include a presentation from each agency requesting a grant that is on the ballot. Please, members only at this meeting.

Finally, the Celebration meeting will be held April 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Findlay Country Club. Please bring guests!!

### **Grants Sub-Circle**

MaryBeth Hammond has agreed to fill in as Grants Sub-Circle Chair. MaryBeth read the request for proposals to the membership. The grants are due December 15, 2011. The Grants Sub-circle will meet on December 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. for a presentation from each agency requesting a grant. The sub-circle members will then conduct site visits in January. A sub-circle meeting will take place in February to finalize the ballot. The process will culminate at the voting meeting in March. MaryBeth encouraged the membership to all attend one of the meetings in March and is hoping for 100% attendance.

### **Communications Sub-Circle**

Kristen Johnson announced that the newsletter had been distributed. Please contact her for any suggestions about changes. If you wish to opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter please contact Marie Swaisgood or Kristen.

### **Member at Large**

Sandy Hansen announced that there would be a meeting immediately following this meeting for any new members.

### **Grantee's from Previous Year**

Last year's grantees appeared and spoke about the effect the monies have made in the community. Brenda Scrinka and Chris Liebrecht from the Caughman Clinisc spoke about how the funds have assisted them with their pharmacy program. The program has provided medications free of charge, completed medication reconciliation for each patient, provided dosing adjustments, converted to electronic medical charting and much more. Ms. Liebrecht stated that due to the assistance of HTH, they are able to take better care of the population.

Tina Pine, Executive Director of Century Health, Gary Bright, Director of Outpatient Therapy, Deb Howell, case manager and Jamie Horner, client, each spoke about the grant given to Century Health that provided for the hiring of Deb Howell as a part-time case manager. Jamie Horner gave a very moving speech about how Deb Howell and the assistance from HTH has enabled her to become sober, get an apartment and improve her life immensely. Jamie was applauded for her bravery.

## **Program**

Tony Iriti and Steve Wilson presented a comprehensive report on the status of flood mitigation. They indicated that the process has three phases. Phase One has been completed. Phase Two is scheduled to be completed in 2013 and Phase Three is scheduled to be completed in 2015. They explained that the Army Corps of Engineers is a slow and somewhat frustrating process, but it is needed to ensure a comprehensive solution.

Julie closed the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen K. Johnson for  
Kim Stumpp  
Secretary