

## **Manchester Wellness Coalition**

**Meeting – November 27, 2012**

**10:00 AM, Manchester High School Commons Area**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Peter Girz, Barry Allen, Heather Sturm, Matt Pegouskie, Nancy Loudin, Ray Berg, Dennis Sullivan

The Coalition met at 10:00 AM at the Manchester High School commons area, and set up display/information tables with several giveaways to promote the MWC and the 5 Healthy Towns project for students and staff, as well as seek out student participants and volunteers in the MWC programs and coalition activities. Two lunch periods were conducted, and several students discussed the MWC and its programs with Coalition members. Several students signed up with their contact information to volunteer for general MWC activities and for the Manchester Voices program.

A short business meeting followed:

1. Intervention updates - proposed Kirk Park project, updates on ongoing programs

Ray Berg reviewed the status of the proposed Kirk Park project to be done in conjunction with nine Manchester-area service clubs and the Manchester Parks Commission. Cost estimates for the project will be completed by the Village in early January. Club participation levels and MWC support will then be determined. This project has strong community service club backing as it relates to youth sports.

Other coalition members provided brief updates on ongoing interventions. Peter Girz briefed MWC members on the new KBA employee who will be joining the Manchester program in December.

2. Next grant submittal deadline - December 7 - proposals in process

The next grant submittal deadline is December 7. At this point, the Education Seminar Series and the FUTP60 intervention grant proposals will be submitted for this cycle.

3. EDDM brochure preparation, community outreach efforts

The EDDM brochure is completed and all comments from MWC members have been incorporated. Ray Berg is meeting with Sun Times Publishing in Chelsea, who did the CWF 16-page mailer sent out earlier this year, to get advice and cost estimates. We will utilize funds from our remaining CWF start-up budget for this mailing, and billing will

be handled through the CWF. A similar looking document is planned, with the goal of reaching every mailbox in the Manchester Wellness Coalition area. Ray will be investigating postal route maps to determine exactly what routes cover our service area.

The attendees discussed future meeting dates. There will be no MWC general meeting in December. Attendees also discussed various meeting cycles (noon, evening; meeting at different locations, etc.). This will be a topic for resolution at the January meeting. Attendees also discussed formats for a larger MWC “public event”, perhaps tied in with some major sports event, competitive community activity, etc., where large crowds would be drawn in. Various options were discussed along with pros/cons. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Peter is looking for some student involvement in the MWC at these meetings, requiring lunch time meetings at the high school on some occasions.