

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LITERACY COALITION/HOC
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: Literacy Coalition/HOC 2016
February 25, 2016

Welcome and Intros: Ann Maher thanked everyone for attending; introductions made around the table.
(Powerpoint Discussion Guide to be part of minutes)

Understanding Coalition Models (Three Slides)

- **Foundation Coordinated** (what we have been)
- **Stand-Alone Coalition** (not yet for us)
- **Institutional Partnership** (the model that is best fit for our next step)

Deciding on a Model (Four Slides)

Robin Robinson gave an overview (as also presented to the Team Leaders at an earlier meeting)

LOCAL OPTION EXAMPLE: Oneida County Youth Council

- ❖ steering committee
- ❖ governed by bylaws
- ❖ has 12 workgroups/coalitions – the coalitions and workgroups find funding for whatever projects they're doing.
- ❖ Governed by by-laws, not a 501C3
- ❖ (Example: 211 Midyork, started as committee/workgroup)
- ❖ Oneida County

LOCAL OPTION EXAMPLE: Mohawk Valley Housing and Homeless Coalition

- ❖ has a chair
- ❖ has a board,
- ❖ leaders from coalition; 40+ agencies;
- ❖ large HUD grant that funds some of the agencies and that chair;
- ❖ Not a 501C3
- ❖ Oneida County

LOCAL OPTION EXAMPLE: Herkimer Oneida Organizations Active in Disaster (HOOAD)

- ❖ Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary
- ❖ 20+ agencies
- ❖ officers, agencies and subcommittees come together to secure funding
- ❖ Oneida and Herkimer Counties

Other Local Coalition Examples

- ❖ Compassion Coalition
- ❖ (New) Oneida County Health Coalition forming
- ❖ Others?

Discussion took place around the question - WHAT COALITION MODEL WILL WORK FOR THE LITERACY COALITION OF HERKIMER AND ONEIDA COUNTIES?

The Present Status of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Project was described by Ann Maher (1 slide)

- ❖ Eight Rotary Clubs
- ❖ Thirty months of voluntary implementation
- ❖ Sending books into the homes of more than 1550 families
- ❖ Fiscal sponsor currently NUCC/wishes to change
- ❖ Financially Stable
- ❖ Confident of long-term investment in community
- ❖ Future Plans
- ❖ Applying for 501© 3 Status
- ❖ Working Name:
- ❖ Family Literacy Foundation of HOC
- ❖ Steering Committee has been established
- ❖ Bylaws in draft form
- ❖ Biweekly meetings being held

Due to time constraints and the fact that the DPIL project is separate from the current LitCo discussion, no further discussion was held on this collaboration.

Active discussion ensued about the pros and cons of a new model; ideas were shared and opinions stated in round-table format. There was consensus that an **“Institutional Partnership Model” must be customized to the work and involvement of our local partners.** It was further agreed that more discussion is needed in order to formulate a plan that will succeed. All present were in favor of holding weekly meetings in preparation for the regular March Coalition meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Continue Discussion:

- **March 3 at 8:30 am to Continue Discussion**
- **March 10 at 8:30 New Steering Committee?**

*Both Meetings will be held at the Community Foundation/Innovation Room

Outcome Goal: Present new Model and Action Plan at March Coalition Meeting on March 18. Meeting site is the Utica Academy of Science Charter School in Frankfort. 8:30-10:30 am

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