

**Task Force Committee Minutes
December 18, 2013**

Present: Meg Dallapiazza, Ed Kelley, Annette Seibold, Jeanette Bomberg, Holly Stratton, Susan Theer, Jen Steber, Wendy Gehlhoff Excused: Barb Bauer

ORDER Jen Steber called the meeting to order at 3:30p.m. Roll call noted all members present except Barb Bauer (excused).

AGENDA It was moved by Seibold, seconded by Stratton to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion by Kelley, seconded by Seibold, the approval of the 7/31/13 minutes was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Advocacy Plan NWTC Location

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the possible relocation of the NWTC Niagara Learning Center. NWTC is in the process of conducting a feasibility study to identify more affordable space locations (timeline undetermined). It was noted that a previous feasibility study was conducted in CY2004 by Don Peterson. The Committee discussed barriers and opportunities of relocating the NWTC Learning Center and possibly The Job Center to the Hillcrest School. Sally Miller, NWTC, identified the following as Hillcrest School barriers: A/C units, data and electrical lines, need of T3 lines for video courses, and parking lot surface. The following stakeholders were identified to serve on a work group to further discuss the challenges/opportunities of the Hillcrest location: Jeff Rickaby (NWTC Liaison), Justin Cowen (School District IT Technician), Brandon Jerue (High School Principal), Jim Golembeski (BAWD Executive Director), Cheryl Neuens (Job Center), Meg Dallapiazza (UW-Extension), Wendy Gehlhoff (Economic Development). Wendy and Meg will coordinate a meeting of this group in early January. Meg will contact Don Peterson for a copy of the 2004 feasibility study for comparison purposes.

Update on NEWCAP: Annette Seibold reported that the Florence Medical Center is providing Family Planning services for Florence County (on behalf of NEWCAP). Florence services were administered out of the Family Center previously. Seibold noted that the St. Germaine office of NEWCAP was closed and services moved to Eagle River. It is unknown if NEWCAP lost Family Planning funding. The Committee requested that NEWCAP be present at a future Task Force Meeting to discuss and identify Florence County services and the funding attached to such services.

Future Agenda Items: NWTC Location, NEWCAP Services, Cell Towers (it was noted that any questions regarding the Cell Towers should be forwarded to Dave Gribble).

Next meeting Date/Adjournment: The next meeting date/time will be set by the Committee Chairperson (Barb Bauer).

Motion by Kelley, seconded by Bomberg, the Committee meeting was adjourned.