

# MDI Tomorrow – Subcommittee on Youth

## Notes from the Meeting, Tuesday, July 9

Attending: Susan Buell, Jenny Gott, Ann Luther, Marty Lyons, Doug Michael

Next Meeting: July 22, 2002  
11:30 a.m.  
St. John's Episcopal Church Under-Croft

### Agenda

- Report from the Steering Committee
- Clarify the work of the group
- Fulfilling the MDI Tomorrow requirements
- Update regarding Susan Savell and Communities for Children
- Other projects

### Report from the Steering Committee

Marty represents the Subcommittee on Youth at the MDI Tomorrow Steering Committee. (Doug attends also, representing the Subcommittee on Health.) For the overall effort of MDI Tomorrow to be successful, the subcommittees need to contribute topical sections to the State of the Island Report.

- Updating statistical and trend data relating to the current state of youth affairs
- Identifying areas where key data are missing
- Outlining questions to be asked of the community at large, leading to a shared vision of the future

### Work of the Group

- Required: support the MDI Tomorrow effort by supplying the information needed to compile the State of the Island Report.
- Optional: launch or support other youth-oriented projects as interest and energy allow.

### Fulfilling the MDI Tomorrow Requirements

- Marty and Ann will meet as a sub-sub-committee to outline our section of the State of the Island Report, with a meeting set for July 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the St. John's under-croft.
- The results will be presented, discussed, and refined at the next meeting full sub-committee meeting July 22.

### Communities for Children

- The date has been set for August 8, 4-6 pm, at the Somesville Fire Station.

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- Doug presented a draft invitation, which he will circulate to the MDI Tomorrow mailing list, as well as to the people named at our May 15 meeting.
- Committee members should recruit additional young people in particular to attend.
- In an effort to bring as much exposure to the meeting as possible, we will consider a larger mailing at our next meeting. We had developed a list of candidate invitees in May when we were planning a large group meeting. Ann will cross-reference this list with the MDI Tomorrow list and bring the remaining names to our next meeting.
- We would like to use this meeting with Susan Savell to gauge interest and support for volunteers to launch a Communities for Children effort on MDI.
  - Doug will bring a sample form we can use with attendees to capture their level of interest.
  - He will also attempt to sketch out a couple of the roles that would be available for volunteers to play (e.g. Executive Committee member, Leadership Council member, Study Circle participant, etc.)

### Other Projects

So many ideas:

- Open Gym initiative.

Jenny will take the lead in approaching the elementary/middle schools in our area to make their gyms available for after school activities, including but not limited to intramural sports.

  - Trenton
  - Pemetie
  - Mount Desert
  - Connors Emerson
  - Tremont
  - Lamoine
- The State of Maine Office of Substance Abuse is preparing to issue 3-year funding grants, with RFP's expected in August. Programs selected to receive grants are expected to be those which:
  - Have coalition sponsorship
  - Propose using science-based approaches
  - Cross multiple domains

Doug has more information. Put this on the agenda for our next meeting, to discuss whether we could apply for one of these grants.
- Transportation. Investigate programs used elsewhere to encourage walking and bicycling. Jenny has information from Mark Fenton and will bring this to our next meeting.

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- Other ideas:
  - Intramural sports (YMCA has launched a program recently)
  - Non-sports activities
  - Non-competitive activities
  - 4-H Club
  - Chess/Gaming Club
  - Flying school
  - Summer Festival of the Arts
  - Boat building
  - Elder connections
  - Culinary arts
  - Mentoring, especially for “at risk” and other youth

### Draft Agenda for Next Meeting

- Report from the Steering Committee
- Progress on the State of the Island Report
- Planning for Susan Savell/Communities for Children meeting
- Open Gym Initiative
- Office of Substance Abuse grants
- Launching a walking/biking program