

TAYLOR COUNTY PREVENTION COUNCIL

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.
Medford Area Public School District Office

Members Present: Vi Marie Nelson, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Northwoods; Patty Krug, Taylor County Health Department; Kathy Danen CEP; Amy Marthaler, Northwest Journey, Wausau; Susan Courtney, Memorial Health Center; Kim Christofoli, Indianhead CAA; Shanna Kestler, Indianhead CAA; Rachael Loucks, Parent Resource Center; Kris Porter, Stepping Stones; Peggy Nordgren, University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Call To Order: Chair Nordgren called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes were reviewed by members present.

Introductions: Each person introduced themselves and their organization.

Review of Mission: Council reviewed the mission and goals of the Prevention Council. Consensus was that both the mission and the goals were still relevant. The council continues to monitor family issues through roundtable discussions at meetings. As an example, mental health issues were discussed at two meetings in 2010. The resource directories are still popular and inform families of services available in the county. The most important goal and reason to meet is to promote cooperation of agencies through knowledge of services and program.

Committees Reports: Safe & Stable Families' money is down to the minimum \$41,000. This means that assistance will only be available for the most needy. The Committee now meets only annually; the programs are running well with limited resources.

Early Childhood Committee will be having their first meeting this school year on December 3.

The Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Committee will be restarted in 2011 with the Patty Krug and Health Department in charge.

The Continuum of Care Committee is working on bylaws and operating procedures, who will be the fiscal agent of committee, and on finding a place to have a homeless shelter/12-18 month's transitional facility. Consensus was this committee become a sub-committee of Prevention Council.

A Wellness Committee has been meeting 2nd Tuesday of every month. A booklet of Taylor County activities has been printed, healthy restaurants have been identified and acknowledged in the county, website has been developed for the committee and health assessments have been done for employees of six employers in the county as part of a grant. Krug will report on Wellness Committee at each meeting under Community Health Improvement Plan.

Round Table Discussion Sharing of Trends: Sue Courtney mentioned the third leading cause of emergency room visits in Taylor County is "body piercing" or suicide attempts. Suicide attempts increase in hard financial times. Health department may go for training on this issue.

There was a brief discussion about people not paying their bills to hospital, child care and utilities. What would help them pay besides a job?!

Announcements:

Sand Box - state has a new quality rating system called Young Star which is required if providers are to receive child care assistance money from the state.

Northwest Journey is still talking to schools to provide an in-school mental health provider for children.

The Taylor County Health Department is applying for a grant to provide sealants on children's teeth to prevent dental caries. Currently applying flouride varnishes during school.

Memorial Health Center is working with people on paying medical bills-using payment plans and medical loans. People without health insurance usually go to emergency rooms when sick and have bigger bills to pay afterwards.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters have seven matches, but need more men to volunteer. There are 15 matches with high school students in Rib Lake. Fundraisers have been successful. Will be doing a polar plunge with the Tavern League.

Parent Resource Center has a new director. She is currently networking with community members and organizations and looking for collaborations.

Stepping Stones worked with Indianhead Community Action Agency (ICAA) and received a grant to hire attorneys who will provide free legal services related to domestic violence.

Kim Christofoli from ICAA will be meeting with Taylor Electric personnel on December 15. Will discuss thought processes of people paying bills. People are not paying electric bills and child care bills in a timely manner. Nordgren brought up the use of a budget plan and whether or not it might help people pay if they were paying the same every month. Who provides a budget plan besides the gas company? ICAA also has a transitional jobs program to help people work.

Nordgren distributed the schedule of the Managing Your Money classes for January - June 2011. Also mentioned directories are available. The Health Department will start printing their half soon.

Any Other Business: There was no other business discussed.

Confirm Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Taylor County Prevention Council will be Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. at same location.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

TAYLOR COUNTY PREVENTION COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.
Medford Area Public School District Office

Members Present: Vi Nelson, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Westboro; Patty Krug, Taylor County Board of Health; Lee Ann Raab, Taylor County Victim/Witness Coordinator; Mary Bix; Kristi Nelson & Amy Marthaler, Northwest Journey; Randy Oaklief, Northcentral Technical College; Joe Greget, Medford Area Public Schools; Peggy Nordgren, University of Wisconsin-Extension.

Call To Order: Chair Nordgren called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes were approved by acclamation.

Introductions & Announcements: Nelson, case manager for BB/BS reported that they have five matches and nine on the waiting list. They are starting a school-based program in Rib Lake. Arby's is having a grand opening and giving BB/BS a percentage of sales. They are also sponsoring a Ladies Night Out at the Veranda on October 23 as a fundraiser.

Krug reported that some County prevention programs no longer have funds. The Department is currently checking on deaths in the 0-18-year-old age category to see if preventive programs are in place to reduce the number of deaths about this cohort. The Taylor County Board of Health prenatal care coordination will not be handled by the County as of January 1, 2011; other entities may step up to continue the program on their own. They are applying for grants for a dental sealant program in the schools.

Raab reported more property crimes, including vandalism and theft. Employee theft from small businesses is also up.

Marthaler & Nelson are employed by Northwest Journey which provides mental health services for youth with mental health problems. They are working on in-school therapy for the Medford Schools and are currently experiencing problems with the HMOs not authorizing enough time for therapy. Some of their clients need up to five hours per day intensive therapy.

Oaklief announced that enrollment at the Medford Campus seems to be hitting a plateau. Enrollment is up but not by much. The first group of displaced workers has just graduated. NTC's principal source of new students now seems to be youth right out of high school. NTC recently purchased a mobile driving simulator which is now circulating among the various NTC campuses to provide training. Truck drivers now require continuing education, and this simulator can be used to provide that. There is nothing new to report on the new campus; the Economic Development Agency (EDA) funds are not available anywhere in the United States even though this project is number one on the list of projects to be done. They may know more in October. Oaklief distributed a new brochure specific to the Medford campus.

Bix reported on the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) progress. At the present time, the consortium of Forest, Florence, Oneida, Vilas and Taylor Counties is working with two tribes on an application to the State. With the state budget crunch, it appears that the actual starting date for the ADRC will be pushed back yet again.

Greget stated that the Medford Academy now has five adults working on their high school educations; this is a collaborative program between NTC and the Medford Schools. There are 46 more students in the Medford School District than last year.

Nordgren is still sending out "Parenting" newsletter. The Register of Deeds is no longer providing the names of newborns. So the Taylor County Health Department is sending out

the first newsletter; if couples want to receive additional newsletters, they have to request to be put on the mailing list. Taylor County services directories are available. Nordgren continues to teach "Managing Your Money" and "Rent Smart". A new program, "Protecting Your Retirement" is designed to assist people who are caregivers. This will be a six-part series of classes.

Committees Reports: Safe & Stable Families' money is rapidly being cut. Eventually it will be back to the minimum \$40,000. This means that assistance will only be available for the most needy. The Committee now meets only annually; the programs are running well with limited resources.

Early Childhood Committee will be having their first meeting soon. They have a preschool planning grant to administer and are hoping to collaborate with other pre-school programs.

The Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Committee is non-functional at this time.

The Continuum of Care Committee (which isn't part of the Prevention Council yet) is working on bylaws, on who will be the fiscal agent of the committee, and on finding a place to have a homeless shelter.

The Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence is a committee that doesn't actually exist at this time.

Round Table Discussion on Future Meetings: A copy of the Mission statement was handed out to attendees. They were asked to review the document with the idea of updating it and possibly adding more prevention services to the goals of the Council.

Any Other Business: There was no other business discussed.

Confirm Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Taylor County Prevention Council will be Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at same location.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

TAYLOR COUNTY PREVENTION COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 28, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.

Medford Area Public School District Office

Members Present: Randy Oaklief, Northcentral Technical College; Mary K. Bix; Kelly Schultz, Counseling Connection; Joseph Greget, Medford School District; Jean Nuernberger, Taylor County Circuit Court; Patty Krug, Taylor County Health Department; Marge Retzlaff, Family Planning Health Service; Linda Heinkel, Parent Resource Center; Kris Porter, Stepping Stones; Peggy Nordgren, UW-Extension; Kim Christofoli & Jan Ostir, Indianhead Community Action Agency.

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Nordgren called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

Introductions & Announcements: Bix updated the Council on progress with the Aging & Disability Resource Center. The Ad Hoc Committee has settled on recommending that Taylor County join the five-county planning consortium comprised of Forest, Florence, Oneida, Vilas, and Taylor Counties. The Committee will also be recommending that the new center be at the Multipurpose Building.

Oaklief reported that: 1) Everything that needs to be done between Taylor County and NTC to expand NTC's presence in Medford has been done. An Economic Development Assistance (EDA) grant is needed in order to start the actual building project. It now looks like nothing will happen until fall of 2012. 2) WAT (Workforce Advance Training) grants are now available at 100% grant instead of 75% grant/25% company-pay. Several of the major firms in Taylor County already have taken advantage of these grants. 3) NTC plans to have a logistics and supply chain program established in Medford, but that will not happen until the new building is ready. 4) Medford is currently ahead of last year's enrollment figures, but Oaklief feels they have reached a plateau at this point.

Greget told the Council that computer training is now done in the elementary school with training on iPads being the "in" thing. He also announced that the Adult Diploma Academy is starting September 7th. It has two possible tracks: The GEDO 2 which is a traditional approach to getting a high school diploma and the Competency-Based Diploma which takes into account life experiences as well as class work. These programs are designed to allow older students to get a high school diploma. These classes are offered at no cost. The Medford School District will try to work with NTC since NTC already grants over seventy GED Diplomas annually.

There are lots of legal changes in mental health and AODA counseling recently; Schultz can now work with children in these areas. He is working more with younger kids, families, and couples. Therapy is often viewed as a luxury and not a necessity, especially with insurance issues frequently limiting coverage.

Divorces with minor children involved are up dramatically, according to Nuernberger. Last year at this time there were fifteen such cases; so far this year, there are 32. She also feels that a lack of supervision during the summer months is contributing to the increase in criminal damage to property by juveniles. Most of these children are in the 10-12 year old range and are new to the system.

Retzlaff reported that tele-medicine, where the patient is at one location and the nurse practitioner is at another location, is on the rise. Because of the loss of regular employment and insurance, many more men are now eligible for the family planning waiver. She also reported on an increase in sexually transmitted diseases. Teen pregnancies are also on the increase, but the age at which the pregnancies occur is staying the same.

Krug reported: 1) She is working on the Healthy People in Taylor County project. 2) The Health Department is also developing list of low-cost or no-cost physical activities in Taylor County. 3) One of their student interns is working with local restaurants to develop healthy meals on their menus. Eleven restaurants are participating so far. 4) They are also working with schools to ensure that sixteen minutes of physical activity per day are made available to students. 5) WIC (Women, Infants, Children) participants are increasing. 6) The Maternal Child Care Initiative is being changed by the government to be a more community-based programs rather than direct patient contact. This means there is less money for prevention. Various health departments throughout the state are working to change the emphasis back to direct care.

Heinkel has two paternity workshops ending soon. The Family Home Visitor program is increasing in size, and the children's safe exchange program is also going well.

Nordgren distributed several handouts on programs she is currently promoting.

Review Minutes of Last Meeting: There were no corrections to the minutes.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports at this meeting.

Update on Continuum of Care: Christofoli announced a point-in-time search for the homeless in Taylor County from 4 PM today (7/28) until 8 AM tomorrow. She knows for certain that we have five homeless people; there may be more. They are working on a homeless shelter for Taylor County, but at this time it is unknown how large it will be or where it will be.

Confirm Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Taylor County Prevention Council will be Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 9:00 AM. It will also be held at the Medford Area Public School District Office.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

TAYLOR COUNTY PREVENTION COUNCIL

Wednesday, May 26, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.

Medford Area Public School District Office

Members Present: Peggy Nordgren, UW-Extension; Sharon Ludwig, Stepping Stones; Kathy Danen, CEP. Beth van der Berg, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Sue Courtney, Memorial Health Center; Jean Nuernberger, Circuit Court; Diane Niggemann, Commission on Aging; Katie Antoniewicz, ICAA Head Start; Kim Christofoli & Janice Ostir, ICAA Community Action Agency; Bob Whetstone, United Way; Kristi Nelson & Pat Lacy, Northwest Journey; Joe Greget, Medford Public Schools; Mary Bix.

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Nordgren called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

Introductions & Announcements: Bix reported that the Ad Hoc ADRC Committee is currently considering three options for implementing an ADRC in Taylor County: 1) Joining a new group consisting of Vilas, Oneida, Forest, and possibly Florence, Counties in developing a new ADRC; 2) Joining Clark, Buffalo, and Pepin Counties in an existing ADRC; and 3) Joining Chippewa County in an existing ADRC. Other alternatives may be developed.

Ludwig reported that more people are coming into Stepping Stones for assistance. They have a grant through ICAA that is helping them with some of their programs. Articles on domestic abuse and sexual assault will be appearing in the local newspaper soon.

Danen stated that the Job Center is very busy. Taylor County is number two in the state for unemployment at this time. They have developed the "ABCs of Unemployment" with ICAA to help people look for employment. Danen also reported that some firms are now starting to hire.

Van der Berg is working on an awareness campaign for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. They are starting a school-age program in Rib Lake with high school kids mentoring elementary school kids. There was a similar program in the past, but they are restarting it for fall as a full program in partnership with the school.

Courtney reported on Acute Care for the Elderly (ACE), a program being implemented at Memorial Health Center. They are also working on the continuum of care program.

Nuernberger announced that divorce filings with minor children involved are rapidly increasing. Overall divorce filings are relatively stable. There are many problems with kids not realizing where to draw the line at sharing.

Niggemann has a dementia specialist giving a presentation on Alzheimer's on June 18. A six-week program called Powerful Tools for Caregivers is starting September 2. Self-Management of Chronic Disease starts June 9. A Falls Prevention program is slated for September 10.

Antoniewicz reports that Head Start is winding down for the summer. They expect to have only one session each in Medford and Rib Lake. This will be less than this year when they had double sessions in both locations.

Christofoli said that 35 new households have now run out of unemployment benefits. She has Emergency Services Grant money and some funds for transportation and rent. Their Re-Housing funds which were supposed to last two years will run out in eighteen months.

Ostir works with providing rent and utility bill help. They are noticing lots of disconnect notices. RS Stimulus funds can be used for medical (prescriptions, glasses, dentures) and

educational (computer classes, books, and the like) needs. People at 185% or less of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible. Funds must be spent by August 15.

Greget reported that at a recent School Board Meeting, it was voted to provide mental health services in the schools. Early childhood standards training is being done in June. Adults are now being offered a GED-II, which is basically a traditional high school diploma. They are also offering this program to jail inmates.

Nelson and Lacy reported that emotional, psychological, and behavioral issues preclude some kids from attending school. In the past those kids had to go to Wausau or Marshfield for services. They are now able to offer day treatment and other services to these children in Medford.

Nordgren is teaching two-day "Rent Smart" classes on August 23 and 30, September 28 and October 5, and on November 30 and December 7. She is also providing "Managing Your Money" classes, a three-day class on July 13, 20 and 27 in the afternoon and also in the evening; September 13, 20 and 27, also in the afternoon and evening; and November 1, 8, and 15, afternoon and evening.

Niggemann has \$25 vouchers for the farmer market on a first-come, first-served basis.

Committee Reports: Due to time constraints, committee reports were not given.

Update on Homeless Shelter (Continuum of Care Committee): Christofoli reported that the Committee has developed a mission statement and is working on bylaws and the submission of an application for 501(c)(3) status. They will be having spots on the radio covering "Homelessness Awareness". People staying at the shelter will have to participate in various programs designed to help them in the community. The next Committee meeting will be at the Medford Public Library on June 23 at 3 PM.

Update on Mental Health Issues: Developing awareness of depression is a major concern at this time. National Depression Day is October XXX.

Confirm Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Taylor County Prevention Council will be Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at the Medford Area Public School District Office, beginning at 9 AM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 AM.

TAYLOR COUNTY PREVENTION COUNCIL

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Medford Area Public School District Office

9:00 – 11:00 am

Members Present: Peggy Nordgren, UW-Extension; Jen Meyer, Taylor County Human Services; Teri Rostberg, Hope Hospice; Kelly Schultz, Counseling Connection; Linda Israel, North Central Counseling, Pat Lacy, Northwest Journey-Wausau; Amy Marthaler, Northwest Journey-Wausau; Katie Antoniewicz, Head Start; Janice Ostir, ICCA; Kim Christofoli-Helland, ICCA; Sue Courtney, Memorial Health Center; Jean Nuernberger, Circuit Court; Michele Armbrust, Taylor County Health Department; Kathy Danen, CEP; Kris Porter, Stepping Stones; George Southworth, Medford School Board; Doreen Eldred, Memorial Health Center-Clinics-Medford.

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Nordgren called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Introductions – Introductions were made.

Update on homeless shelter/Continuum of Care committee – Christofoli gave a brief statement about the need for a Continuum of Care committee before grants could be obtained for a homeless shelter. Next meeting will be at the Medford Library on March 31.

Mental Health Issues – Part 2 – Kelly Schultz from Counseling Connection works mainly with families and younger children in family therapy and with AODA issues. His concerns included fragmentation of agencies, providers needing to talk to each other, children's services by psychiatrist are hard to find. Paying for services is also an access problem because of lack of insurance to pay for services or long waiting periods for appointments at Human Services.

Some prevention is going on in the county: programs on healthy relationships at the alternative school, anger management in elementary school. Better to treat when young to prevent future problems. However, there is loss of instruction time when they are taken out of school.

Suggestions: respectful communication skills, parenting skills, inservice for professionals on signs of mental health behavior, groups for support – AODA groups, grief support, other behavior groups, reorganizing a mobile crisis team to be on call when needed.

Suggestion was made to raise awareness through the media. Some articles have already been published in the paper on depression. Suggest child abuse, alcohol and drugs, suicide, sexual assault.

Next meeting is May 26, 2010. Next meeting will include sub-committee reports and follow-up to the discussions on mental health issues.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 AM.

TAYLOR COUNTY PREVENTION COUNCIL

Wednesday, January 27, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.

Medford Area Public School District Office

Members Present: Randy Oaklief, Northcentral Technical College; Teri Rostberg, Hope Hospice; Beth Van der Berg, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Amy Marthaler & Pat Lacy, Northwest Counseling & Guidance; Linda Heinkel, Parent Resource Center; George Southworth, Taylor County Board and Medford Area School District Board; Robert Whetstone, United Way; Kelly Jensen, Sand Box; LeeAnn Raab, Victim/Witness Coordinator; Marge Retzlaff & Rebecca Gilbertson, FPHS; Patty Krug, Taylor County Health Department; Jan Ostir & Kim Christofoli, ICAA; Katie Antoniewicz, Head Start; Kris Porter, Stepping Stones; Joseph Greget, Medford Area Schools; Jean Nuernberger, Taylor County Circuit Court; Peggy Nordgren, UW - Extension; Karen Jacobson, Taylor County Human Services - AODA; Linda Israel, North Central Counseling; Lisa Kegler, Marriage & Family Health Services; Doreen Eldred, Memorial Health Center; Mary K. Bix, Taylor County Board.

Members Absent: Kelly Schultz, an invited panel member, was unable to attend.

Call Meeting to Order: Peggy Nordgren called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Brief introductions followed.

Roundtable Discussion on Mental Health Issues in Taylor County:

Eldred: Ms. Eldred is a clinical social worker who provides psychotherapy for individuals aged 13 and above. She treats primarily depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders by referral. Our community is "practitioner poor" in that we only have the services of one psychiatrist for part of the month and one psychologist who is also working at the Stanley Prison. The community is definitely underserved, especially the children. She feels that aging issues will become more and more problematic in the near future. There is a stigma for those seeking counseling, and she feels the field should be called "behavior health" rather than "mental health". The economy is worsening the entire mental health situation in the county. We need to coordinate our mental health services better as well. Our strengths are our excellent professionals, our excellent facilities and organizations, our supporting organizations (Parent Resource Center, Hope Hospice, Human Services, and the like) and our rural values and caring people.

Israel: Ms. Israel is a licensed clinical social worker who is in private practice. She works with Joe Roe who is the only PhD. psychologist in town, but he does not accept new clients. Another associate in their firm, Cheryl Christoffersen, works with children but is cutting back because of the court involvement. Ms. Israel likes working with teenagers, not children, and does some work with the elderly. Memory problems with some elderly clients limit the work that can be done. A lot is accomplished with caregivers who have to cope with working with the elderly. There are many problems with getting reimbursement, especially with some of the BadgerCare programs. The new BadgerCare Core plan covers only psychiatrists even if the necessary therapy is best done by a clinical social worker or therapist. Lots of people are falling through the cracks because of this. Possibly the formation of groups would be a partial solution so that people do not feel they are alone. She feels the school system is a major strength in the community, and the local doctors are very good with handling medications.

Jacobson: Ms. Jacobson works with clients who have alcohol and drug abuse problems, and she does her work through the Taylor County Human Services Department. Taylor County also has many problems with suicide. The 65-72 age group has the highest number of suicides, and the stigma against seeking mental health therapy is the greatest among this group. The largest number of attempted suicides is in the under age 24 group. Taylor County has 16.2 suicides per 100,000 people; the national average is 11.1. The biggest problems seem to be depression, anxiety, loss of hope, family discord, and substance

abuse. She feels law enforcement is very understanding of mental health problems. A number of issues seem to be getting worse. The BACs (blood alcohol contents) are getting higher on average when people are brought in for DUIs. The goal in working with substance abuse clients may be improvement over a period of time, not a complete cessation of the bad behavior and probably not for the rest of their lives. Relapses may be unavoidable. Domestic violence within the home is getting worse. Another problem is parents who supply kids with alcohol. Housing is also an issue, as is family support. We need to establish the fact that it is OK to see a therapist. She is working with several others to re-establish an ATOD task force; they will meet the 4th Monday of every month. She feels mental health workers need to be more creative because of the lack of resources. There also seem to be problems with people taking opiates for pain - the ones who become chronically abusive rather than just chronically dependent on a particular drug.

Comments: Teri Rostberg mentioned that Hope Hospice provides counseling to caregivers and family members for up to 13 months after the patient dies. Their bereavement groups are at no cost. They also work a lot with dementia and Alzheimer patients. These families are often referred to them too late so that the families are already in crisis when they get to Hope Hospice.

Joe Greget stated that many of the students in the school district have problems, and the school district tries to provide treatment. However, sometimes the students have more severe problems than the schools can handle. Then they have to go out-of-country for treatment. They really need day treatment avenues within the county. Marathon County has many more services than Taylor County, but even they are swamped. Service needs are backing up everywhere.

Patty Krug stated that the Marshfield Clinic has been establishing dental clinics throughout the area and they are now considering a similar program for mental health services. She also reported that many mental health issues and substance abuse problems exist in the jail.

Announcements: Due to time limitations, announcements were not made at this meeting.

Committee Reports: Committee reports were also skipped because of time constraints.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting of the Taylor County Prevention Council will be Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. It will be held at the School District Offices, and the topic will be a continuation of the mental health issues discussed at this meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 A.M.