

President's Year- End Report from Peggy Schmidt

At the end of each fiscal year, I think it is important to take some time to see where you have been, in order to plan for what you can be, in the upcoming year. For the Collaborative, it gave us an opportunity to see what we have accomplished as a team because our successes are your successes.

During 2015-2016, we:

Hosted the most successful Summit ever on Trauma with 275 attendees. The Summit produced a large follow-up meeting and established a committee to further work on becoming trauma informed communities.

Enlarged our territory by welcoming other collaborative areas into our fold. In order to make these areas feel a part of our organization, we began hosting our monthly meetings in our new diverse area.

Began including our faith based leaders in our discussions, by hosting 2 faith based leader events.

Hosted 2 volunteer fairs that assisted our membership in promoting their agencies to potential volunteers

Recruited our first volunteer driver for our Volunteer Driver Program

Through efforts by our Advocacy Task Force known as CAN, hosted 11 legislators in our Advocacy Forum, making it the largest ever.

Activated our Membership Committee that has already secured new members and developed a membership incentive program.

Increased attendance at our membership meetings, averaging 50 individuals each month, which increases the networking opportunities for our members.

Afforded our executive directors, on a monthly basis, the opportunity to discuss sensitive issues with one another at our ED roundtables.

Instituted a year round sponsorship program which has become so popular, sponsors have renewed for 2016-2017.

Developed and distributed a Veterans' Resource Sheet.

While that was a very busy 2015-2016, our work will continue throughout the summer and into the fall as we work very hard to give our membership a valuable experience. Your voice is extremely important to us for the programs that we develop are based on your input and requests that you have made. If you come up with a good idea, feel free to email me at execdir@ptma-mc.org. Best wishes for a great summer and don't forget to wear your bike helmet!