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**CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE**  
**March 12, 2015**  
**Wells County Council on Aging / WOW!**

**In attendance:** Vicki Bell (Wells Community Boys and Girls Club), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service - Teen Court), Deane' Holderman (Wells County Department of Child Services), Renee Phillippe (Registered Nurse), Elisa Turney (Adams-Wells Crisis Center), Betsy Collier (Wells County Council on Aging - WOW), Brandy Aschliman (Helping Hands Crisis Pregnancy Center), Carl Cook (Helping Hands Crisis Pregnancy Center).

**Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:31 by Vice President Betsy Collier. Introductions took place.

**Presentation of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 12, 2015 meeting were presented. Vicki motioned, Denea' seconded; minutes were unanimously approved as written.

**Grant Program Reports:** none

**New Members:** Rick Peipenbrink has attended 3 meetings and is now eligible for membership. Vicki motioned, Elisa seconded; membership was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer' Report:** The Wells County Auditor has reported \$0 posted to the Drug Free Community Fund in February; there is \$60.84 remaining in the checking account.

**Unfinished Business:** There was a small change in the grant requests. In order to maintain the Administration category at 25% of total available funds, \$50 was moved from miscellaneous admin expenses to Education/Prevention. The funds will be used to assist the Education Committee (Roger Sherer, Molly Hoag, Brian McClish) with any expenses needed in bringing a speaker to the community. The Fund Information Report was sent on February 17 and amended (with the above change) and sent again on February 23; the approval letter from ICJI to the Wells County Auditor was dated February 23. The 2015 Grant Requests were presented to County Commissioners on March 2 and County Council on March 3. Claims were submitted on March 10; checks will be ready to be mailed to grant recipients on April 6. This completes the 2015 grant process.

As a reminder, the Community Comprehensive Plan Committee (Greg Werich, Alicia Hill, Deane' Holderman, Kim Butcher, Chief Nathan Huss, Vicki Bell, Angie Dial) will meet on Thursday, March 19 at 11:00 at the Probation Department to begin the process of writing a new 3-year comprehensive plan. The current plan has been distributed to the committee members to review.

**New Business:** Since the February CADA meeting (with Mayor Ellis in attendance), we have learned that The Wells County Foundation board is supportive of doing an awareness campaign to help children or families with the dangers of drugs and has some money to assist in these efforts. This message has been passed along to Mayor Ellis and he seems to be leaning towards a billboard campaign ("If you see

something, say something”). It is hoped that the campaign will not only encourage people by giving them “permission to report” but also education them on what to look for and who to contact. The board discussed many questions about the campaign to make it as effective as possible. It was determined that it would be best to organize a committee with key players (police, DCS, CADA and mayor, et al) to address the focus and expenses of the campaign. We will contact Mayor Ellis to see what the next step would be to keep things moving while it is still an emotional issue in the community.

Angie highlighted a few minor changes in the CADA Handbook; none of which involved the bylaws. Updates were made to the membership roster, 2 tasks were added to the annual events, and reference to the open door law website was included in additional resources. Elisa motioned, Denea’ seconded; the CADA Handbook updates were unanimously approved. The revision will be sent to Greg to post on the website.

**Community Concerns/Trends:** Vicki shared that she is finding a lot of grant opportunities for drug abuse campaigns and wondered if we have ever considered pursuing this avenue of funding. It may be helpful to list some of the opportunities and bring them to the next meeting for discussion.

**Membership Sharing:** DAC (Drug Alcohol Consortium) in Fort Wayne is offering training on synthetics and heroin on March 20; training and lunch is \$10.

The Regional Advisory Board would like to bring Jermaine Galloway (Tall Cop Says Stop) back again this year. He speaks on current trends and provides many visuals on current drug/alcohol trends from all over the United States. It’s a very informative and relevant training.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. DCS is distributing 400 blue pinwheels to plant around town; there will be signs as well. They will be available to pick up at DCS in the near future and they will also bring a supply to distribute at the next CADA meeting.

Adams Memorial Hospital offered a free training on March 4th by Carla Gaff-Clark entitled “Indiana Running on Uppers, ADHD Medication and other Stimulants”.

Two drivers for WOW took the online Drug and Alcohol training to maintain compliance with agency policy.

Wells County Council on Aging will offer the Senior Expo in May.

Pastor Bell and Blake Poindexter are working together to get an NA group started in Wells County. There are currently 3 AA meetings being held each week and a Celebrate Recovery meeting on Mondays from 7-9 pm. WOW provides free transportation to AA meetings and would possibly be able to do the same for NA depending on the meeting time. It may also be possible to provide transportation to Celebrate Recovery if needed; transportation home would not be possible as they close at 7:00 pm.

A reminder that the Substance Use Protocol Manual is still available in disc format and online under WellsCounty.org (County Offices - Citizens Against Drug Abuse - Substance Use Protocol Manual 2014).

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:23.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, April 9, 11:30, at the 4-H Community Building

Submitted by: Angie Dial