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CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

December 10, 2015

4-H Community Building

In attendance: Betsy Collier (Council On Aging, WOW), Carl Cook (Helping Hands), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service – Teen Court), Molly Hoag (Wells County Extension Service), Deane' Holderman (Department of Child Services), Chief Nathan Huss (Bluffton Police Department), Brian McClish (Ossian Police Department), Joan Moon (Women's Health Dynamics), Roger Sherer (Purdue Extension), Greg Werich (Wells County Probation)

Guest: Judge Kent Kiracofe (Wells County Circuit Court Judge)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:33 am by President Molly Hoag. No introductions were needed.

Grant Program Reports: Nathan Huss (BPD) presented the program report for D.A.R.E. Over 400 elementary students and 200 high school students participated in Wells County schools (196 - 1st grade; 296 - 5th grade; 116 - 10th grade). D.A.R.E. strives to delay or prevent 1st use of ATODs. Students are a captive audience for the year around program which culminates with D.A.R.E. graduation.

Brian McClish presented the program report for D.A.R.E. on behalf of the OPD. The program provided drug and alcohol education and prevention to 100 - 5th grade students last semester.

Betsy Collier presented the program report for WOW. Through November 12, WOW provided 84 trips to recovery programs held at churches around the county (AA and NA); taking away transportation as a barrier to these services. The average cost per trip amounts to \$13.07 and includes costs for salary, insurance, vehicle maintenance, fuel, etc.

Southern Wells is the only program report outstanding.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the November 12, 2015 meeting were presented and approved. A motion was made by Joan Moon and seconded by Betsy Collier; unanimously passed.

New Members: none

It was suggested to add Mayor Ellis, Phil Hudson and Stephanie Tucker to the CADA email list.

Treasurer' Report: It was reported that \$937.00 was posted into the Drug Free Community Fund account in November. Collections are \$5,845.46 year to date with only 1 month remaining before the grant cycle. Due to grants from LiGHT for community education programs, the \$50 earmarked in 2015 for CADA to provide education will be rolled over into the 2016 grant fund.

The checking account balance as of November 30th is \$120.03. There has been activity in the account with receipt of LiGHT grants for and expenses related to the Today's Addict presentation in October and Brady's Hope presentations in November that have not yet cleared the account.

The new checks have been received for the CADA checking account at iAB. It was discussed that since the board approves all expenses, only 1 signee is necessary. A motion was made by Carl Cook and seconded by Betsy Collier; unanimously passed. It was also discussed that additional approved signees may a convenience in certain situations; the current president, secretary, coordinator as well as the treasurer will be allowed to sign checks for board approved CADA expenses. A motion was made by Carl Cook and seconded by Greg Werich; unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business: Dustin Noonkester (Brady's Hope) spoke at the 3 public schools on Monday, November 23 (BHS at 8:45 am; SW at 10:30 am; NHS at 1:30 pm). Feedback was very positive from both the schools and from board members who were able to attend the presentations. Molly suggested following up with the principals and counselors at each school to see if there were any conversations, consultations or lasting impact from the presentation.

Molly recommended that the Education Committee (Molly, Roger, Brian) meet after the grant cycle is complete to discuss future events. Please email Molly with any suggestions on speakers for formats.

Nominations for 2016 CADA officers are:

PRESIDENT – Molly Hoag
VICE PRESIDENT – Joan Moon
SECRETARY – Deane' Holderman
TREASURER – Mark Misch

A motion was made by Greg Werich to close the slate and seconded by Nathan Huss. Molly noted that she appreciates new involvement and encourages more in the future. A motion was made by Greg Werich to adopt the slate of candidates and seconded by Joan Moon; unanimously passed.

The grants committee (Nathan Huss, Vicki Bell, Betsy Collier, Mark Misch, Molly Hoag) met on December 4th tasked with revising the grant application process to align with the new Community Comprehensive Plan. The CCP has only 2 problem statements and significantly less objectives which is now echoed in the proposed application. Other changes include: the tax id # and the fax # were removed from the front page; and the 3 categories set by statute and date received was added to the "for office use only" section on the last page. The maximum request was reduced to \$800 due to a significant decline in collections throughout 2015. Seven copies of the application are due by Friday, January 29, 2016. It was requested that we check with the county auditor and ICJI before removing the tax id #; Angie will do that before distributing the application. A motion was made by Joan Moon for approval of the new grant application and seconded by Greg Werich; unanimously approved. Angie will distribute the application before the end of the year and again as a reminder on January 8, 2016. The grants committee will review grants on February 8 at 9:00 am; the grants committee will make a recommendation to the CADA board on February 11, 2016.

It was reported that the new CCP has been approved by ICJI and an approval letter was sent to the commissioners on November 18th.

New Business: Progress House (a half-way house in Indy) sent information to CADA and requested to make a presentation at an upcoming. After a brief discussion, it was decided not to pursue more information about Progress House at this time.

Information has been received to file taxes for 2015; Angie will file the federal and state tax forms for CADA.

Community Concerns/Trends: It was shared that that testing of a heroin vaccine is being done on rats.

Molly shared a vaping flyer. She will be sharing information on vaping, tobacco, smokeless tobacco and e-devices with the residents of House of Hope (a 2 session class). Michelle Sybesma from The Bitter Pill has been helpful in providing information for the presentation; it is currently difficult to find researched-based information on vaping.

The December newsletter from the Regional Advisory Board highlighted The Dark Web. The illegal online marketplace can be accessed by downloading the anonymous browser called Tor and purchasing the digital currency Bitcoin. These websites sell significant amounts of drugs, opioids and other prescription medications.

Membership Sharing: Judge Kiracofe shared that the drug interdiction fee is set at a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$1,000. Total fees may include: restitution, court costs, home detention, probation, etc. Angie will check to see how much of the drug interdiction fee stays in the county and how much goes to the state.

Joan recently presented at a Governor's Task Force Meeting. It was noted that there seems to be a barrier in getting information to people who need it. Discussion took place as to how to reach people at risk; possibly families of drug abusers may be more receptive to help.

Joan also shared that they are still trying to get a physician that administers Vivitrol to present to mid-level providers at Grand Rounds at BRMC. She believes that there is a Nurse Practitioner in Decatur that administers Vivitrol; it may be possible for her to facilitate getting treatment to those in this areas. It's a concern that we know about Vivitrol but don't seem to have a system in place to administer and supervise a program.

Joan reminded the group that the state has funding for Vivitrol.

The Intensive Supervision program began in January and has produced its first graduate! The individual underwent around 65 drug screens (and was drug free) and maintained employment for 6 months.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday January 14, 2016, at the 4-H Community Building

Submitted by: Angie Dial