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## CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

**August 13, 2015**

### **4-H Community Building**

**In attendance:** MEMBERS: Vicki Bell (Boys and Girls Club), Kim Butcher (Park Center), Carl Cook (Helping Hands), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service/Teen Court), Molly Hoag, (Wells County Extension Service), Chief Nathan Huss (Bluffton Police Department), Officer Brian McClish (Ossian Police Department), Joan Moon (Women's Health Dynamics), Megan Sheueler (for Alicia Hill, House of Hope NEI); and GUESTS: Dr. Gene Bell (First Reformed Church) and Steve Higgins (Boy Scouts of America)

**Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:33am by President Molly Hoag; introductions took place.

**Presentation of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 11, 2015 meeting were not available and will be presented at the next CADA meeting; no meeting took place in July.

**Grant Program Reports:** No reports were presented. To remain eligible for future funding, a grant report must be given on previous grant awards and each applicant must attend 3 CADA meetings. Grant Report forms are sent out periodically as a reminder.

**New Members:** Joan Moon has met the attendance requirement for new members. A motion was made by Carl Cook to add Joan to the CADA membership; passed unanimously.

**Treasurer' Report:** As per the July 31, 2015 bank statement, a \$60.84 balance remains in the CADA checking account. The Wells County Auditor report shows that \$400 was posted to the Drug-Free Fund in June and \$508.50 was posted in July; \$3,210 has been posted to date in 2015.

**Unfinished Business:** The Freedom Riders (Chapter 7) held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tye King Ride to Remember on Saturday, June 27, 2015. Members of CADA donated 240 bottles of water to the group. All proceeds from the ride went to DARE; a photo of Officer Bruce Holland receiving a check for \$2,300.30 was in the July 27<sup>th</sup> edition of the News Banner. The group plans to continue to support the DARE program with this annual event!

Education Committee update: Molly Hoag reported that Rodrigo (A Bitter Pill) has offered to speak at a community event on the evening of Wednesday, October 7 and also separately at the 3 county schools on either Thursday, October 1 or Friday, October 2 during the school day. The 4-H building is currently available for the community event. The next step is to contact the schools to see if they are interested in sharing Rodrigo's message with the students. There is funding available from both the Wells County Foundation and LiGHT to help offset any costs involved with the event(s). Costs may include: a small gift/lodging/mileage/food for the speaker, advertising, \$100 set up/clean up charge for the large meeting room, and refreshments. The committee currently consists of: Molly Hoag, Roger Sherer, Brian McClish, Vicki Bell. Anyone else interested in helping, please contact Molly!

Community Comprehensive Plan Committee update: Chief Nathan Huss reported that the committee meets again on Thursday, August 20 to complete the CCP draft. During the CADA meeting on September 10, the members will be asked to help provide objectives for the document. A final draft will be presented at the October CADA meeting with a deadline for completion for ICJI being October 31, 2015. An update on the current plan also needs to be submitted by October 31.

**New Business:** There was no new business to discuss.

**Community Concerns/Trends:** Joan Moon shared that she just spent a week with her grandson. He used opiates/heroin for 7 years and has now been drug free for 21 months. He found success with vivitrol and has now been off of vivitrol for the past 3 months. He is working and doing well!

Joan also commented that Judge Kiracofe is interested in learning more about vivitrol.

Joan has been speaking with Paul Smith (BRMC); Paul has a physician's group who is interested in inviting a Fort Wayne physician to come speak with them about vivitrol. It has been a slow process, but physicians are learning about this option and are willing to talk about it.

Kim Butcher reported that their DCS referrals have surpassed probation and community corrections referrals for heroin/cocaine/meth.

Kim also commented that transportation barriers to treatment are a big issue. The medication-assisted withdraw program for active users is located in Fort Wayne.

Joan reported that since vivitrol requires 14 days clean of any drugs, the best time to get people into the program is when they are released from jail.

Gene Bell reported that DHMA has set aside \$50,000 for a vivitrol initiative. He noted that vivitrol is a topic on the agenda at the next Community Corrections board meeting.

Gene reported that weekly Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meeting has 6 regulars in attendance. The meetings are held at the First Reformed Church on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00. It is also in the works to begin holding a weekly NA meeting in the jail; Sheriff Fisher and Blake Poindexter are supportive of the idea.

Kim shared that she has a list of all of the weekly support groups in the community. She will email the list so that it is available to CADA as a resource.

It was noted that The Jennifer Act was recently passed. It provides procedures for the involuntary commitment of a person due to alcohol or drug abuse and requires the division of mental health and addiction to maintain and operate or contract for alcohol and drug rehabilitation facilities, including faith based facilities. It also requires the law enforcement academy to provide training regarding persons with alcohol or drug addictions, including training for involuntary commitments for alcohol or drug use. The bill requires the department of correction and county jails to provide alcohol and drug rehabilitation to all offenders with alcohol or drug addictions.

A brief discussion took place about the Recovery Unanimous (RU) support group. Kim has contact information and the board was interested in inviting a representative to a future CADA meeting to learn more about RU.

**Membership Sharing:** Carl Cook reported that Helping Hands now offers a state-funded program entitled Baby and Me Tobacco Free. The 12-month program is designed to help a family quit smoking during pregnancy. A monthly test is administered to the mother; a clean test nets a \$25 diaper voucher. The father or other significant adult in the household can also participate in the program to be eligible for an additional diaper voucher. Carl reported 6-8 people currently in the program; they have had a high success rate with the program at this time.

A discussion took place that it is difficult to paint a clear picture of the effects of substance use on the community. The numbers reported may not include underlying issues that come in to play for why a crime is committed or why a medical run is needed, etc; too often, substances are the root of many of these problems.

Jermaine Galloway (Tall Cop Says Stop) is scheduled back in the area on Monday, August 17, 2015 from 8:30-3:00. If anyone did not get registered and still wants to attend, please let Angie know today.

Molly shared that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Drug Abuse Symposium: A Community Approach is scheduled for October 28-29 in Indianapolis. More information to come!

Steve Higgins is offering Quiz Bowl to scout troops in Adams and Wells Counties. They will have a winner from each troop compete at the county level then those winners will advance to the regional level. The Regional Quiz Bowl takes place in the spring.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Carl Cook to adjourn at 12:35 pm; passed unanimously.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 11:30 am at the 4-H Community Building.

*Submitted by: Angie Dial*