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BLUFFTON, IN 46714

## CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

May 8, 2014

Community Building - 4H Park

**In attendance:** Kim Butcher (Park Center), Betsy Collier (Wells on Wheels), Angie Dial (Family Centered Services – Teen Court), Alicia Hill (House of Hope), Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Brian McClish (Ossian Police Department), Rick Mettler (Bluffton Middle School), Tammy Schaffer (Bluffton Police Department), Greg Werich (Wells County Probation) and guest Jessica Williams (Bluffton News-Banner)

**Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am by Greg Werich. The group welcomed Jessica Williams (Bluffton News-Banner) to the meeting; she will be observing the meeting and speaking with members for an article she will be writing on CADA in the 2014 Progress Edition of the paper.

**Grant Program Reports (2013):** All program reports for the 2013 funding cycle are now complete. The 2014 Program Report form will be emailed to all who received funding; it is encouraged to present the report as soon as the project is complete or when the grant has been spent down.

**Presentation of Minutes:** The April meeting minutes were approved as written (Tammy motioned, Rick seconded, unanimously passed).

**New Members:** None

**Treasurer' Report:** Greg reported that there has been no change in the checking account balance; it remains at \$59.84. He also reported that \$895.00 in drug and alcohol fees were collected in March (according to the Auditor's report).

**Unfinished Business:** Angie reported that the Strengthening Families training date has been set. It will take place on Friday, May 16 from 3-9 at DAC (Drug and Alcohol Consortium in Fort Wayne). This training is provided free of charge thanks to a 13-county regional grant.

Yard signs (talk to your kids about drugs) were distributed; these were also provided as a result of the regional grant. It is asked that the signs be displayed off and on during heavy traffic times of the year (back to school nights, events, etc). Do not dispose of them! We would like to move them around the county as needed. If you are done with your sign and do not want to store it for future display, email [CADAofWellsCounty@yahoo.com](mailto:CADAofWellsCounty@yahoo.com) or call 824-8574 and ask for Angie; we will get it to another location. There will also be compliance signs and clings, posters and magnets available in the near future.

**New Business:** CADA began the process of an address change at the end of April due to the cost of maintaining a PO Box. Greg arranged for CADA to have a collection box in the Auditor's Office of the Courthouse. A motion was made by Tammy; seconded by Betsy; and unanimously approved in support of the address change for CADA. CADA's new address is: 102 West Market Street, Suite 205, Bluffton IN 46714. Angie notified the Secretary of State as well as Indiana Criminal Justice Institute; Stacy has agreed to notify IAB; Greg will update the website; and Alicia has completed the change of address forms with the Post Office. Other updates will be needed on the Grant Application, Letterhead, and Handbook.

There will be a Regional Training on Friday, May 16th; some of the topics will include a Legislative Update, Social Hosting, and Lifeline Law. Mark your calendars for July 31st! The regional grant will be hosting speaker Jermaine Galloway.

Jermaine is a police officer and talks about substance use trends and media. Also, 2014 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LCC's. The regional board would like to celebrate this milestone during the annual meeting on November 10th at Indiana Tech by presenting more awards and speaker David Parnell.

**Community Concerns/Trends:** Tammy reported that heroine is on the rise. She also reported that our local doctors are doing better with prescription drug dispensation. She noted that around 80-95% of the prescription drugs dispensed around the world are dispensed in the U.S.

Kim shared that they see high treatment resistance with meth; the success rate is poor. Meth use is devastating and it is hard to have success with outpatient treatment. They are seeing multiple relapses. Kids are being removed and meth is becoming very expensive for communities. They are noting major medical concerns along with the addiction and seeing no access to care despite the Affordable Health Care Act.

Alicia noted that they are dealing with entire families struggling with addiction.

**Membership Sharing:** Tammy will be retiring as Chief of the Bluffton Police Department effective Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Tammy for her many years of valuable service to CADA. Assistant Chief Nathan Huss will be taking her place as Chief as well as on the CADA board.

Betsy noted that she has been forwarding the regional flyers to an Ossian PTO representative. They appreciate the information and have been displaying it for adults in the elementary school. Thank you Betsy for sharing the information with the community! Everyone, please share this information with others as well!

Alicia shared that they are receiving wonderful support from the community. They have begun partnering with other community resources to offer healthy alternatives to their residents. A men's fraternity has been mentoring their boys about being a good husband, father and man; the Bluffton Parks Department is offering their programming to the boys free of charge; the YMCA has provided free membership for the boys to use the workout equipment and other services; Wells County Probation has been conducting the onsite drug testing. The results have been very positive.

Rick is noticing that good healthy parenting is becoming a thing of the past. He noted that families are having difficulty balancing discipline with love and respect.

Changes in the criminal code take place on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It was noted that the categories will be changed to murder and 6 levels of felonies. More information will be available soon.

Park Center in Fort Wayne has opened a new inpatient unit.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 11:30 – 4-H Community Center

There will be no meeting in July.

**Submitted by: Angie Dial**