

BLUFFTON, IN 46714

CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

January 14, 2016

4-H Community Building

In attendance: Betsy Collier (Council On Aging, WOW), Carl Cook (Helping Hands), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service – Teen Court), 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), Mark Misch (Norwell High School), Andy Carnall (Wells County Prosecutor), Stacy Morrison (Bluffton High School), Vicki Bell (Wells Boys & Girls Club), Vickie Andrews (Southern Wells Schools)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:31 am by Vice President Joan Moon. No introductions were needed.

Grant Program Reports: Vickie Andrews presented the program report for Southern Wells Schools. The program provided drug testing kits. Of the tests done there were no positive results. She stated that they felt it was successful and wanted to continue. A question was raised about testing students when drug use was suspected. Vickie will be getting more information about the specifics from the principal for CADA.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from December 10th, 2015 meeting were presented and approved.

New Members: none

Treasurer' Report: It was reported that the balance as of the last meeting was \$124.03. Grant monies were received and deposited in the amount of \$317. Expenses for the month included \$10.95 for bank checks, \$88.81 to the Comfort Inn for speaker lodging and \$228 to Brady's Hope. The balance as of 12/31/15 was 113.27. A motion was made and seconded then unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business:

There was a reminder that Grant applications are due by Friday, January 29, 2016. Monies for CADA come from the Wells County Court Drug Interdiction Fees of which 75% of these offender fees go to CADA.

New Business: Taxes have been filed. Angie Dial reported that there is a new updated CADA Handbook with a new cover and updated membership roster. The new roster reflects three new members including Carl Cook from Helping Hands, Mark Misch from Norwell High School and Joan Moon from Women's Health Dynamics.

The proposed 2016 CADA officers are: President – Molly Hoag, Vice President – Joan Moon, Secretary-Deane' Holderman and Treasurer – Mark Misch.

Chief Huss made a motion to approve the updated handbook as well as the new officers, and Joan seconded the motion and all approved.

Community Concerns/Trends: Joan Moon reported that Bluffton Hospital will be having Dr. Kelly do a presentation on January 27, 2016 for the presenting physicians. She reported that Dr. Kelly is on the Governor's Drug Task Force on Heroin and will share information about his program in the Indianapolis area and also supports the use of Vivitrol in treatment.

Joan also discussed the need to work with the systems organization of coordinating treatment for Wells county residents to ensure that they get access to all information needed for substance abuse treatment. She shared that she is to be interviewed by the News Banner in regards to the heroin abuse and also the use of Vivitrol with the addiction.

Membership Sharing:

Wells County Prosecutor, Andy Carnall reported that the annual prosecutors report for 2015 will show a sizeable increase in drug charges in Wells County specific to schedule 1 narcotics including heroine. Most charges are relating to dealing and possession.

Bluffton Police Chief Nathan Huss also shared that their 2015 statistics would also show an increase in drug possession charges including an increase in heroin and marijuana in the community.

Joan Moon spoke about a community need for support services or group for the families of the individuals with the addiction issues.

It was reported that the NA support groups have recently gone from 6 to 21 attendees.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

Next meeting: Thursday February 11, 2016, at the 4-H Community Building

Submitted by: Deane' Holderman