In attendance: Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Deane’ Holderman (DCS), Angie Dial (Family Centered Services), Charles Redwine (Dockside Services), Jessica Williams (News Banner), Valerie Runyon (Park Center), Andy Carnall (Wells Prosecutor), John Cole (FCS), Nathan Huss (Bluffton PD), Jana Taylor (AWCC), Joan Moon, Betsy Collier (wow), Greg Werich (Wells Co Probation), Vicki Andrews (Southern Wells), Tandra Johnson (Attorney).

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am by President Molly Hoag.

Grant Program Reports: There were no program reports to be presented. There are several that are needed to be completed prior to requesting a new grant for 2017.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the November 2016 were presented. Corrections were made

New Members: There were no new members at this meeting.

Treasurer’ Report: The December stated showed an addition $1083.54 with a total of 10691.54 in the Community Drug Free Fund. Which are the monies collected through the courts with fees from offenders with drug related charges. The checking account 113.27 that will need to be closed out and open an another account at the 1st Bank of Berne and that responsibility will be assigned to the 2017 Treasurer.

Unfinished Business:

CCP update – We need a report from Rick Mettler regarding the comprehensive plan and the information from his school for data regarding his grant from 2015. Once information is submitted to Angie Dial she can submit the CCP to the state.

Regional Annual Meeting Updates: Joan stated that the presentations were informative and there was excitement in the community. She stated that sometimes there is more networking in the larger communities. Jessica was nominated from Wells and there was a lot of information presented. Lane Gerber with Trusted Manufacturing received an award. We will present him with the award at Trusted Supply Chain Partners at his locations, 12/13th at noon to him and his colleagues. Members are invited to attend the presentation.

Officer Nominations: Officer Nominations for 2017: President - Mark Misch is nominated as president, Vice President – Molly Hoag was nominated for vice president, Treasurer - Greg Werich was nominated for Treasurer, Secretary - Deane’ Holderman is nominated as president

There was a motion to close nominations and confirmed and voted unanimously
New Business:

Tandra Johnson is a local attorney and has a personal interest in prevention and goes to the Governor’s task force. Wells County wasn’t a part of the problem solving court system. She recently attended a program in Huntington that was a positive program that had a lot of attendance. She wanted to learn more about services and treatment in Wells County and is also interested in Problem Solving Courts and Drug Courts to help the offenders as opposed to moving them into the criminal system. She is interested in having a community meeting like they had in Huntington and have something similar in Wells County. She has talked with Monte at Wells County Sheriffs and possibly at Life Church and possibly talk with ISP Daniel Mayhorr. Her family has been impacted by heroin addiction. She is a RN and an attorney and looking for resources and supports.

There was a discussion around how people get started on drugs. Concerns were voice about how patients are being giving drugs in emergency rooms that may pose a problem later. There was discussion around opiates in our society and how we get information to community and continuum of a program for Wells County this year. There is interest in having a community presentation again this year and forming a committee for this.

Charles, Joan, Tandra, Valerie and John Cole are interested in forming a committee, and could possibly utilize some grant monies for community education.

Charles has shared about how we deal with pain as a whole. With addictions and opiates this is much different and is an epidemic. We are lacking the programs to treat and have effective programs.

Community Concerns/Trends & Membership Sharing:

Joan shared the information she got from Tracy Brooks at Manchester College which broke down the information about what drugs to be familiar with at the meeting that she attended.

The grant committee met today and Grants are $1000 maximum and due to CADA by 1/27/2017 which has to meet the CPP goals. These will be sent out to members and will be shared with the community.

CADA can gets grants themselves for possible programs and events through local organizations such as LIGHT or Wells County Foundations.

Meetings for 2017 can continue at the 4h complex. March 9th and August 10 are dates which we will need to find alternative spaces. John Cole stated that both can be done at Family Centered Services 1515 North Sutton Circle Drive at the new Family Centered Services location. The time will remain the same.

Recovery Works has decreased need for clients to self pay, which has been encouraging a reduction in barrier to services.

John Cole, SOC coordinator for Wells County reported that there will be a Community Needs Assessment which will be sent out to members and community partners for mental health and addiction services which focused on youth under 18.

Nathan stated that there has been a decrease in heroine calls, since there has been scares with overdoses on fentanyl and an uptake in the meth calls.

Angie sent out the Hide in Plain Site Program information which was sold out last year as well as a packet from a nity program from a local church which she shared.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm

Next meeting: The next meeting will be January 12th, 2017 at 11:30 in the 4-H Community Center.

Submitted by Deane' Holderman