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CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

February 11, 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), Roger Sherer (Purdue Extension), Mark Misch (Norwell High School), Vickie Andrews (Southern Wells Schools), Alicia Hill (House of Hope NIE), Molly Hoag (Wells County Extension); and GUESTS: Mayor Ted Ellis and Jana Taylor (Adams Wells Crisis Center)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:32am by President Molly Hoag: introductions took place

Grant Program Reports: There are no new grant reports due to it being the beginning of grant cycle.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the January 14, 2015 meeting were presented. Corrections were made as to the date on the minutes to reflect January 14 2016. Another correction was made for misspelling for heroin. Otherwise the minutes were approved

New Members: Jana Taylor from the Adams Wells Crisis Center joined the meeting. Also Major Ted Ellis was present for the meeting as a guest.

Treasurer' Report: The current balance from the checking account is \$113.27 as reported by Treasurer Mark Misch. There was no January deposit.

Drug free Funds, no additional funds deposited. Mark Misch needs to be added to the account as treasurer.

Unfinished Business: Grant recommendations: The Grant committee met and received more grant requests than current funds. The Grant Worksheet was presented by Molly. She explained that the State requires that 25% get spent in each of the four categories. (Admin, Education/Prevention, Treatment/Intervention, and Judicial. Since there were more grant requests in Education/Prevention and less in Treatment/Intervention and Judicial, it was recommended that funds from these be moved around to accommodate the grant needs. The State CADA was contacted to allow funds to be shifted from Judicial and Treatment to Education/Prevention and this was approved.

Molly reported that the grant request from "Baby and Me Tobacco Free" program included diapers which could not be covered, so the grant amount for this was adjusted.

FCS had some monies left over last year from their grant and the monies this year were reduced to accommodate the current need.

The grant monies for drug testing in the schools were adjusted based on the percentage of students being tested and the Board only approved the monies for DARE workbook and supplies.

The board would be reviewing the current grant requests submitted.

Molly took comments and input. Vickie Andrews with Southern Wells Schools asked about the DARE program not currently being available at their school. Bluffton Police Chief Huss stated that he was hopeful a deputy may be available for this in the future.

25% of the grant monies previously were put aside for Administration/Other. These monies have gone to the CADA coordinator position of which Angie Dial is serving as. The current grant requests includes this to continue for 2016.

A Motion was made by Alicia Hill, seconded by Mark Misch and approved by board. Grants will likely be received in April and get paid out then when funds are received, then grantees will be responsible for presenting report and also attending 3 meetings to serve as a member for the year.

New Business: Molly started a discussion about having recognition awards at the Annual meeting. These had been done at one time, but was not done in recent years due to funding or lack of interest. There had been awards for friend of CADA, worker in the field award and volunteer award. They were able to get donations and funding for lunch and this was scheduled for regular CADA meetings with community members invited.

Responses included: Betsy stating it was a good idea, maybe picking 1 or 2 categories and getting a plaque. The Friend of CADA award in the past went to the 4H Park for allowing CADA to use building for meeting. Professionals included CAT officers and DARE, also student council officers for health fair. The categories could be changed.

Who might be nominated for awards? Molly thinks that we would have potential candidates. Giving an award to Jessica at the News Banner was recommended for her continued support with her articles. Also having the awards/recognition luncheon would also get news attention and would bring attention to CADA for new membership and future participants.

Previously they had pizza donated and some people that put it together and added drinks and salad for the meeting and cookies and snacks. Pizza Hut donated the pizza. The monies from LIGHT to bring in speakers could be recognized. Prior to this event LIGHT was not aware of CADAs role and activities.

Betsy Collier, Roger Scherer and Alicia Hill are interested in being on the committee with Vicki Andrews. More discussion in future about when the event would be held at future meeting. May look at having the luncheon in May or April. The Committee will agree on a date to meet and bring to the board ideas about awards and application form for nomination. Board members can submit possible nominations as well.

Community Concerns/Trends:

Chief Huss shared that other crimes are being committed that are not being attributed to drugs such as burglaries, having a need to get money for their addiction. Sometimes this gets lost in the shuffle that these may be drug related. They are seeing more desperation with residents using drugs in the community.

Mark Misch stated that they are seeing more kids that have mental health issues, cutting, suicidal ideation and self-medicating due to being in environments that might have underlying substance abuse as an issue.

Vickie Andrews shared that a family member got their house broken into and questions were asked about if they knew anyone that would be indicated. She stated that their needed to be more awareness that crimes may be related to substance abuse.

Alicia Hill stated that she valued her participation in CADA as well as echoing what members were discussing. She stated that their program is having more emphasis on working with families and addressing substance abuse issues in families. Alicia stated that drug issues have increased a lot over the last year. She appreciated Governor Pence's acknowledgment.

Deane' Holderman reported that the current trend with drugs (heroin and methamphetamines and multiple drugs at one time) are taking a bigger toll with DCS families. Drug addicted parents are harder to reach and harder to get

them to consider getting into treatment to address the addiction. There are more concerns with clients continuing to use with more concerns about situations ending in an overdose causing death.

Membership Sharing:

Molly shared information from Phil Hutson of Park Center for substance abuse training that Parkview is offering in Fort Wayne. The training is called "Journey from Addiction to Hope" and will be on March 3rd from 8am to 3:30pm at Parkview Mirro Center. Cost is \$20.

"High in Plain Sight" is another training available as shared by Angie Dial. This training will be held on April 12th from 8:30 – 3:30pm. There is not cost for the training. It will be held at IPFW's Walb Ballroom. Jermaine Galloway will be presenting and offered through the Indiana Dept. of Education.

Angie also shared the WRAPP Flash Networking Event that will be at the next WRAPP meeting on Tuesday March 1st @ 9am. Breakfast will be provided and all agencies are invited to attend and bring business cards to network.

Molly Hoag shared that she went to a vaping training in Adams County. She shared that Nancy Cripe from Allen County spoke about vaping and ecigs. Since unregulated, the trends from the companies are going back to marketing these like cigarettes to youth and adults similar to the 80's. They are targeting youth to get addicted and then they can convert to using tobacco or cigarettes. Nancy works for a tobacco prevention grant. A police officer spoke about what they were seeing locally. There was discussion from the board about possibly having her come to Bluffton/CADA to speak or get the presentation information with statistics.

Alicia Hill shared that she had recent presentation on ecigs/vaping that she will send to Molly. Mark Misch stated that the vaping is restricted like tobacco and 4H is also updating wording to prevent vaping. Vaping in on the rise with the high school students.

Angie Dial reported that there is going to be a weekly NA meeting at the jail in the near future.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:34pm

Next meeting: Thursday March 10, 2016, at the 4-H Community Building

Submitted by Deane' Holderman