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CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

March 10, 2016

4-H Community Building

In attendance: Betsy Collier (Council On Aging, WOW), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service – Teen Court), Deane' Holderman (DCS), Roger Sherer (Purdue Extension), Vickie Andrews (Southern Wells Schools), Molly Hoag (Wells County Extension), Vickie Bell (BGC)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:39 am by President Molly Hoag.

Grant Program Reports: none

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the February 11, 2016 meeting were presented. Deane' will correct the date under the presentation of minutes. Otherwise the meeting notes were approved.

New Members: none

Treasurer' Report:

Drug Free Community Funds: January deposits \$553, February deposits \$837

Checking Account: \$113.27

Unfinished Business:

Local Recognition – The Committee has met and decided to do a May 12th date which will be an awards luncheon with food. In April, we will have a sign up list for contributions for the luncheon. They have looked at previous luncheon info to see numbers of participants and who donated. Committee will utilize donations for the food. Request for CADA members to RSVP and also others encouraged to RSVP to plan on amounts of food to have. Location could be in 4H meeting room. Also reviewed categories, including CADA professionals, CADA volunteer and friend of CADA. Volunteers needed for presenting and recognition. Possible to invite others outside of CADA to attend. Will send out to grant applications and get invitation to send out.

Vickie inquired about who usually comes. Usually CADA members or community partners, with opportunity to invite to CADA. Phil Hutson should be added and he is on the email from Park center should be invited. Dare officers, invites to EMS and possibly allow CADA members to forward. Judges are notified. Probably will have invitation before April meeting more info to come with email to members.

County Commissioner's and County Council Update – Angie and Molly attended. There was not much discussion or questions to them in regards of CADA and approved the report. CADA is approved for another year and completes the grant cycle with the checks to be sent out in about 2 weeks. We have received letter from state, both county entities and waiting on checks.

New Business:

Community Education Committee — The Committee has not met yet, but group will be getting together to promote awareness to the community, possibly some speakers or get different ideas. Molly will take members feedback or let her know if you are interested in participating. Roger stated that someone at the schools may be interested in participating or an activity or contacting someone again at the Bitter Pill.

Nancy Cripe from Allen County might be an option for a local presentation as she spoke on vaping. Molly attended her presentation at Adams Memorial and reported that it was informative. Discussion about doing something more as informational for CADA members and open up to others in community. Maybe get a medical person to talk about what they are seeing. Possibly someone from the hospital or thinking about a panel discussion on different drug trends in community with possibly LEA, EMS, Prosecutors, Fire Dept., medical etc. and have specific questions as to how each responds to situations. Presentation should be outside of lunch hour. Can contact Derrick Hoopengardner at Bluffton hospital to see who they could send. She will speak to him and get more information.

Maybe have panel present their information and then open up for questions, for drugs in general. Vape presentation would be good for the fall and possibly the panel for a spring presentation. Possibly in afternoon to get better school participation or reach out to CADA school members to find out good times for an event. Morning would likely be best for school participants. Roger wondered if Foundation could be utilized to sponsor an event or mini grants through United Way or providing breakfast or food for the event.

Maybe look at mid-to late June for panel discussion and late August for the vaping presentation possibly last week, Vickie to be on committee, Deane' can assist with contacts and Molly will send out for a meeting, include Probation and Bluffton PD in the discussion.

Community Concerns/Trends:

Vickie went into vape shop to see what it looked like. She shared her experience

Molly presented at House of Hope on vaping and ecigs. TCH can also be put in the vape pens.

Membership Sharing:

Molly did a training webinar for engaging officials and professionals.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm

Next meeting: Thursday April 14, 2016, at Family Centered Services

Submitted by Deane' Holderman