



CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

June 9, 2016

4-H Community Building

In attendance: 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), Andy Carnall (Wells County Prosecutor’s Office), Kim Butcher (Park Center), Vickie Bell (Boys & Girls Club), Evelyn Ringger (Legal Shield), Lauri Logan (Adams/Wells Crisis Center), Joan Moon (Community Member), Cassie Henderson (Indiana Criminal Justice Institute), John Cole (FSC/Connecting Center).

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am by vice president Joan Moon. Cassie Henderson from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute joined us for the meeting.

Grant Program Reports: There were no grant reports presented. Angie will email the report form to encourage grant recipients to begin scheduling their reports.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting and the May 12, 2016 recognition luncheon were presented and approved.

New Members: Andy Carnall has met the attendance requirements for membership and was voted in as a formal member.

Treasurer’ Report: Mark Misch reported that there is no change in the check book balance from prior month; as of 5/31/16 the balance remains \$113.27.

Angie reported the Drug Free Community Funds balance as \$4,346 with \$930 being deposited in May.

Unfinished Business:

The Recognition Luncheon on May 12 went well with 30 people in attendance. The following people were recognized for their role in the fight against ATOD use in Wells County: Professional Leader - Mayor Ted Ellis, Volunteer Leader - Joan Moon, Friend of CADA - Jessica Williams. A huge thank you to all who planned the event or donated towards the very nice lunch!

New Business:

Cassie Henderson is new community program manager with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and is assigned to Wells County. Cassie can assist the LCC and is available to answer any questions we may have.

Joan spoke about the possibility of sentencing changes for drug offenders. Andy Carnall (prosecutor) stated that sentences are actually being reduced in regards to drug related charges.

It was noted that the Governor’s Task Force met recently in Fort Wayne. Cassie will send information about these meetings so members can attend if they wish.

Greg Werich (Probation) and Blake Poindexter (Community Corrections) are working on areas to get other support for those struggling with substance use. An update on Community Collaboration Effort was presented. Their efforts are to focus on the family of addicts and educate them and assist them in order to reduce barriers to treatment.

Joan Moon has talked to Lemuel Vega about his work with Christmas Behind Bars and working with those recently released from prison. Joan will invite him to the next meeting.

Community Concerns/Trends:

Freedom Riders is holding the 3rd Annual Ride To Remember on July 23. They will contribute all proceeds to DARE programming in Wells County again this year. CADA members generously donated water for the last year's event and were favorable with doing it again this year. Nathan Huss (BPD) will check with Officer Holland to see if they would like water. Watch for more information via email regarding this event and the possible need for water donations.

Joan would like more information about vapors and had a new article with more medical information.

Mark encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming DID (Drug Information Discussion) that will be held on Thursday, June at 7:30 am. Donuts and coffee/water was donated by CADA members for the event. Law Enforcement (WCSD SRO Chad Bradley), Treatment (Jinny Broderick, Park Center), Medical (Rick Peipenbrink, WC EMS), and Human Resources (Lane Gerber, Trusted Supply Chain) will be a part of the panel. They will be sharing their perspectives about impact of substance use in their fields and also answering questions from the audience. Molly will be contacting the participants with 4 topic questions. Mark will likely moderate the event. Angie will check with Molly about a flyer or more information to distribute.

Recovery Works is a new program that is available to assist transition from jail and help make lifestyle changes along with supportive case management. Funding is through the Indiana Department of Justice. Funding for Vivitrol and necessary support also qualifies under this program.

Membership Sharing:

Kim Butcher (Park Center) shared about the changes that drugs make on the brain development and ability to impact cognitive abilities. Kim also shared that there may be some other drugs that are beneficial during treatment.

Laurie Logan (Adams/Wells Crisis Center) noted that there is a Nurse Practitioner in Decatur who is able to prescribe treatment medication; she is assisting the Drug Court in Adams County. More discussion about drug court.

Greg Werich is certified to administer naloxone.

Roger Sherer (Purdue Extension) stated that they wrapped up their backpack program for the summer. They distributed 3,400 bags of food over the school year; an average of about 110 bags each week. A flyer was included in the last bag of the school year with information on food sources for the summer. Kids who qualify for free lunches can get the bags on a weekly basis. Roger explained that groups assist with donating, packing and delivering the food; the process takes place in the new Jr Leader booth on the fairgrounds. Anyone interested in participating can contact Roger.

Vicki Bell reported that the Boys and Girls Club started a Meth Smart program which the kids are attending this summer; it has been well received and well attended.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm

Next meeting: THERE IS NO MEETING IN JULY. The next meeting will be Thursday August 11th at 11:30 in the 4-H Community Center.

Submitted by Deane' Holderman