



CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

March 9, 2017

Family Centered Services

In attendance: Vicki Andrews (Southern Wells Schools), John Cole (FCS), Betsy Collier (Council on Aging/Wow), Angie Dial (FCS), Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Nathan Huss (BPD), Mark Misch (Northern Wells Schools), Nicole Rediger (Health Department), Valerie Runyon (Park Center), Terry Gerber (Parents Against Drug Abuse), Linda Gerber (Parents Against Drug Abuse), Alicia Hill (Brickhouse Ministries), Deane' Holderman (Wells DCS), Charles Redwine (Dockside), Christina Williams (Wells Community Corrections), Jade Glover (FCS), Kevin & Tracie Smith (Family Midwest), Shawn Carroll (Brickhouse Ministries)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President Mark Misch. Matt Alig with the Ossian Police Department and Andy Ellis with Bluffton Police Department were guests.

Grant Program Reports: There were not grants report presentations.

Presentation of February minutes: The minutes for the February meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes.

New Members: Terry and Linda Gerber were voted in as new members.

Treasurer' Report:

There were no changes since last month. Greg Werich was not present, but will need a request to pay for the annual meeting costs.

Unfinished Business: CADA has received approval from the state dated March 1st for approval to spend out the grants. The information was presented to the county commissioners and Andy Cranall will present to the city council. The funds will be released in April and will be sent out later in April.

Community Event Committee: There is an event scheduled for April 27th 11:30 to 1 with information to be sent out soon which will be a kick off for a larger community event. The focus on this will be heroin and teens. There will be no cost to participate and they will have someone from CADA speak. The representation would be asked to speak about upcoming events or activities. Deane' has volunteered to speak for CADA with upcoming event material.

New Business:

Discussion about having recognition lunch this year. The luncheon helps promote CADA and is a good opportunity to show how CADA supports the community. Volunteers were requested to form the committee for the luncheon. Molly, Deane', Alicia, Linda & Terry volunteered for the committee and Mark also volunteered to chair the committee.

Membership sharing/Community Trends –

Molly shared an event on March 20th from 12-4 at Public Safety Academy in Fort Wayne and there is a cost for \$15/\$20 Identification and Awareness is the topic. She shared the flyer. The information is also on the Chamber site.

268 people registered for the Galloway Training and Terry shared that it was very helpful education. Terry showed some of the things that he was able to purchase here in Wells County including a pringle's can with a hidden compartment, soda can with hidden compartment, sparkplug pipe and several drug related tshirts. He stated that White rhino is also being sold. Andy Ellis talked about that most are legal substances, and often the other things sold under the counter are the other drugs. Jade shared about her experience and that drug abusers usually find common items if they are using.

Andy Ellis BPD shared that he was on a panel in Adams and shared that addicts often don't stop until they are forced to stop. Fentanyl is on the uptake. There is a doctor in Fort Wayne on Lima road who provides Medically Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment and also does counseling and medically assisted treatment. He will forward the information to CADA to share with members.

Discussion was around how mental health is structured and limited by HIPPA and lack of mental health providers and financial constraints, lots costs to run programs. Getting addictions therapists is challenging due to licensing and finding qualified staff.

Matt Alig (Ossian PD) shared his experience at ACJC with juveniles.

Mark talked about upcoming events as opportunities to expand and share resources and knowledge for our community.

Nicole Rediger shared that there is Free HIV and Hep C screening available at the Board of Health and shared a flyer.

Betsy Collier shared information about the Senior Expo and they will be up collecting old medication.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:3pm

Next meeting: Thursday, April 13th at 11:30 – 4H Park

Submitted by Deane' Holderman