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BLUFFTON, IN 46714

Citizens Against Drug Abuse Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017

11:30-12:30 PM

4-H Community Center

ATTENDANCE: (Members) Andrew Carnall (Wells County Prosecutor's Office), John Cole (Systems Of Care / FCS), Angie Dial (Wells County Teen Court / FCS), Linda Gerber (Parents Against Drug Abuse), Terry Gerber (Parents Against Drug Abuse), Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Chief Nathan Huss (Bluffton Police Department), Mark Misch (Norwell High School), Joan Moon (Citizen / Nurse Midwife), Nicole Rediger (Wells County Health Department), Valerie Runyon (Park Center), Jana Taylor (Adams Wells Crisis Center), Greg Werich (Wells County Probation Department). **(Guests)** Detective Andrew Ellis (Bluffton Police Department), Tandra Johnson (Attorney at Law).

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS and CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am by CADA President Mark Misch. Introductions took place.

GRANT REPORTS: There were no grant reports.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: Stacy Morrison was present at the last meeting; her name will be added to the April 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion to approve (with correction) by Nathan Huss, 2nd by Molly Hoag; motion approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Greg Werich reported that there is a \$113.27 balance in the checking account as of April 28, 2017. Angie reported that \$703 was deposited in the Drug Free Account with the county as of May 1; the YTD total has accumulated to \$6,635. Motion to approve by John Cole, 2nd by Jana Taylor; motion approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The grant process is complete with all required approvals receive and paperwork filed to ICJI. Recipients should have all received the 2017 distribution around the first week of April. With the increase in monthly collections of Drug Free Community funds, members were asked to think about new programming or agencies that could apply for CADA funding during the 2018 grant cycle.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Recognition Committee has not met, but plan to meet soon. The committee consists of Terry Gerber, Alicia Hill, Molly Hoag, Deane' Holderman, Mark Misch (committee chair), and Angie Dial (note taker). The committee welcomes input on who to recognize this year for the following awards:

- **Professional Leader** - a career professional that has demonstrated resolve and leadership in combating drug and alcohol abuse in Wells County in the course of their vocation.
- **Volunteer Leader** - a person that has demonstrated resolve and leadership in combating drug and alcohol abuse in Wells County in the course of their volunteer work.

- **Friend of CADA** - a person or organization that has supported CADA in its endeavors to combat drug and alcohol abuse in Wells County.

The Community Event Committee has not met, but also plans to do so soon. Joan offered to take over chairmanship of the committee consisting of: John Cole, Terry and Linda Gerber, Tandra Johnson, Joan Moon (committee chair), Charles Redwine, Valerie Runyon and Angie Dial (note taker). Joan has spoken with Sam Quinones (author of Dreamland) about speaking at this event. There is a charge of roughly \$4,000-\$5,000 to bring him here and he may not be available until April 2018. An event like this would require a larger venue and it was preferred that it be held in Wells County. Joan will follow up with Sam for more details before the committee meets. It is possible that we could hold a smaller event in the fall leading up to the larger event with Sam Quinones.

MEMBERSHIP SHARING / COMMUNITY CONCERNS and TRENDS:

John Cole – FCS / SOC is sending out a Community Needs Assessment related to mental health and substance abuse and identifying gaps to services. Participants are asked to fill out a survey for each category that pertains to them as explained in the survey: YOUTH, ADULT, CAREGIVER, PROVIDER, STAKEHOLDER.

EMS emailed information on a new drug, Gray Death. It is a combination of heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and a synthetic opioid called U-47700V. It has the appearance of concrete.

The News-Banner recently ran a 6-part drug series by Jessica Bricker. Jessica continues to educate the public about the growing substance abuse issues in the community.

Nathan Huss reported that officers throughout the county are now trained and carry Narcan; all 5 offices participated. There are 3 targeted groups: 1) first responders, 2) accidental overdoses, 3) addicts.

Andy Ellis reported that there were 12 drug arrests last month, including meth, spice, cocaine, heroin, marijuana. He also stated that a recent overdose at Pretzels took 2 doses of Narcan to be successful, this is becoming the norm and of growing concern.

BPD reported that the federal funding for the DETECT drug task force (Adams and Wells Counties) is ending after 20-25 years of funding. The federal monies are being directed towards “new programs”.

Terry Gerber shared that the marijuana magazines are back on the shelves at both Walgreens and CVS. He reported that one ad in the magazine showed a child (age 3 or 4) playing in a marijuana growing field. He spoke with the managers of each store. CVS did nothing but Walgreens removed the magazines from the shelf and burned them.

Molly talked about the book and NetFlix series “13 Reasons Why” that has gained in popularity recently. Some feel that it may glorify suicide.

Mark Misch reported that they are basically seeing nicotine and some marijuana in the schools but that the mental health of some students are more of an issue at this time. A parent letter was sent electronically to parents recently regarding the series/book “13 Reasons Why”.

Mark also reported that they had an AlcoSensor at the recent Norwell Prom but they had no suspicions to have to use it.

Andy Carnall noted that they are still seeing a lot of meth; however, much of it recently is not homemade but brought in to the community and in a purer form.

Greg Werich reported that Probation has administered 365 drug tests to both adults and juveniles in the first quarter of the year; 74 came back positive. The information is also available on the county website under probation's webpage.

Thank you to Greg for also updating and adding a lot of information to the CADA webpage on the county website ... www.wellscounty.org then click on Citizens Against Drug Abuse.

Greg also announced that Probation, Park Center, Prosecutor, Department of Child Services, and Circuit Court met again recently regarding medication assisted treatment. He is confident they will be able to offer something soon. They are still looking for providers.

Joan Moon shared that a physician certified in drug addiction will be coming to the community sometime this summer. Dr Ryan Bleck will be practicing as a Family Physician at the Clinic.

Joan suggested that it would be ideal if each time that Narcan is administered, there is a follow up visit a few days later to offer resources. She will forward her suggestion to Mayor Ellis.

Joan also shared that her grandson, Brandon is doing well. He is off of his medication and selling cars. Recovery does happen!

Valerie Runyon reported that she has received her MSW. Congratulations Valerie!

Valerie also noted that Park Center is seeing many clients with dual diagnosis that they are having to treat simultaneously; they are looking for programming ideas for addictions and co-occurring.

Nicole reported that the Health Department is holding a meeting to include those who deal most with drug issues. They have received reports of people stepping on needles in the yards or getting pricked while raking in picking up leaves. She also noted that there may be money available to help fund Narcan for the PD's.

John reminded everyone who attend the recent Lunch n' Learn on Meth at FCS to complete the follow up survey for IYI.

Upcoming Events:

June 17 (11:00 am) – Project SAFE (Free Substance Awareness and Family Education Event) at Wesleyan Church in Hartford City

July 25 (9:00-4:30) – Adams County Drug Symposium at Adams Memorial Hospital (key note speaker is Justin Phillips)

September 9th – Regional Advisory Board Ride for Recovery

November 3rd – Regional Advisory Board Annual Meeting

ADJOURNMENT. THE NEXT MEETING IS: THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017 (4-H COMMUNITY CENTER)