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102 W. MARKET STREET, SUITE 205

BLUFFTON, IN 46714

Citizens Against Drug Abuse Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2017

11:30-12:30 PM

4-H Community Center

ATTENDANCE: (Members) Linda and Terry Gerber (Parents Against Drug Abuse), Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Mark Misch (Norwell), Nicole Rediger (Board of Health), Valerie Runyon (Park Center), Vickie Andrews (Southern Wells), Angie Dial (FCS), Deane' Holderman (DCS) and **(Guests)** Mayor Ted Ellis (City of Bluffton)

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

GRANT REPORTS: There were no grant reports.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: The 5/11/17 minutes were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

Checking Account Balance:

\$213.27 (\$100 has been deposited from the CADA grant funds)

Drug Free Community Funds:

June Deposit \$1325.00 / YTD total \$7960

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recognition Luncheon Updates - The event is scheduled for Thursday, September 14th at 11:30 am. Attendees are not limit to CADA members; everyone is welcome, feel free to share the invitation with others in community. Lunch will be provided and awards will be given in the categories of Professional Leader, Volunteer Leader and Friend of CADA. Please let Mark know if you have any nominations or input on the luncheon. Brickhouse Ministry will provide the hamburgers and fixings. There will be a signup sheet for members provide other items for the luncheon. The committee will meet immediately following the August CADA meeting to finalize the details.

The Committee also discussed having the 2018 recognition luncheon in the spring in place of the March meeting on 3-8-18.

Community Event Update – The committee met and talked about holding an event this fall and in the spring of 2018. Sam Quinones is unavailable for a fall event but is interested in coming in the spring. The fall event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm. Valerie will present an educational component, parents of addicts will participate in a panel discussion, recovering addicts will share their story of recovery and an open mic Q&A will conclude the event. The Theme will be “Recovery Happens” with the purpose to reduce stigma as a barrier to treatment. The 4H room is saved for the event which could accommodate around 75 people. The next committee meeting is 6/26/18 at 9am at FCS.

NEW BUSINESS:

No other new business

MEMBERSHIP SHARING / COMMUNITY CONCERNS and TRENDS:

Molly Hoag met with health and human services about involvement in the state drug abuse initiative with Purdue extension services. Purdue extension is on the list as a community partner for the issue. They have educators available. PE is in a good position to get more information as a connection to the state initiative. Much of the monies at the state will likely go toward treatment options.

Terry Gerber shared that their group is focused on prevention. Keep discussions focused on talking with parents and prevention with teenagers. He stated that parents need to be proactive in regards to looking for things with their children and being in charge. Linda is researching other states activities and looking at education in schools and also early education with parents. A child in Akron Ohio overdosed recently and issues are continuing. Parents need to lock medicines up, and take precautions. Needles are accessible at farm stores and readily available.

Molly shared information about the video that was sent out to members. She said that they interviewed addicts about their experience which was very interesting to watch but was a little long.

Angie shared Drug free Adams County, Save the date, Heroin Opioid Symposium July 25th 9am – 4:30 pm. Adams Memorial Hospital. She also shared information about Brianna's Hope coming to Zanesville. They are looking for support staff and mentors.

Meridian Health is having an event on June 17th at Hartford City, Wesleyan Church, 11-2pm with activities. Project Safe for substance abuse awareness.

Angie stated that her church (Ossian Presbyterian) would have space available for any AA, RU or recovery meetings, let Angie know.

Mark shared that he went home to visit his parent and educated his parents on getting rid of their overdue medication.

Mark also reported that tobacco was added to testing in regards to their extracurricular activity policy.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:24pm

THE NEXT MEETING IS: THURSDAY, August 10th 2017 (Family Centered Services)

Minutes submitted by Deane' Holderman