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BLUFFTON, IN 46714

Citizens Against Drug Abuse Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017

11:30-12:30 PM

Family Centered Services

ATTENDANCE: Linda Gerber (Parents Against Drug Abuse), Molly Hoag (Purdue Ext), Nicole Rediger (Board of Health), Betsy Collier (WOW), Valerie Runyon (Park Center), Angie Dial (FCS), Deane' Holderman (DCS), Andy Carnall (Wells Prosecutor), Joan Moon (citizen advocate), Nathan Huss (BPD), Jana Taylor (Adams Wells Crisis Center), Greg Werich (Wells Probation), Jessica Bricker (News Banner), Ted Ellis (Major). Also in attendance Andy Ellis (BPD), Heather McFarren (Helping Hands), Stephen Pastore (Wells Probation)

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS and CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Molly Hoag, Vice Chair

GRANT REPORTS: Steve Pastore with Wells County Probation submitted their grant report. Probation received \$937.50 which were used to purchase 275 instant test kits for their probation program. These are used for individuals which may qualify for the program in one of four ways: 1) following a lengthy DOC or jail sentence, 2) upon starting probation for a drug related offense 3) by being placed in the Intensive Supervision Program 4) as a result of a probation violation. Probation is also working with Park Center to get a Vivitrol option for their clients. There are currently MAT options with suboxone and naltrexone.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: The minutes from the June 8th meeting were approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

Checking Account Balance: \$213..27

Drug Free Community Funds:

June Deposit \$1154.50

July Deposit \$1164.50/YTD total \$10,279

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Recognition Luncheon – next meeting September 14th at 11:30 at 4-H Park. Committee will meet today following CADA and plan on moving the annual Luncheon to March in 2018. Free lunch included. Brickhouse is providing burgers and toppings. Donations will be collected for rest of meal from CADA members and a sign-up sheet was passed around for participation.

There will be three recognition categories; Professional Leader, Volunteer Leader and Friend of CADA. You may still submit a nomination if you want and get it to the committee asap.

We will be sending out the flyer so members can invite others in the community to come and find out what CADA is about. There will be an RSVP so Brickhouse Family Ministries can plan on food amounts, RSVP at extension office before Sept 7th with name and number attending.

Community Event update - "Recovery Happens – It takes a Village" event is set for Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm at the 4-H Park. To educate public and put a face on what success in recovery looks like. There will be 1 or 2 people speaking about their struggles and successes; a panel discussion; and Valerie Runyon speaking about the journey of addiction. A flyer will be sent out to CADA members and please share anywhere you can. We would like to see a big community turnout for this event!

NEW BUSINESS:

Mind your Meds - Discussion about getting out a flyer for Wells with the drop off sites listed for prescription medication disposal. Currently expired medications can be dropped off at the police station.

Drug Symposium in Adams this month, Andy Ellis spoke, there were many speakers from different components and lots of good information, included were a pain management physician and other speak about their roles. They had a panel of 2 recovering addicts and grandparents who lost their grandson to an overdose. Adams County has three nurse practitioners for Vivitrol. Adams County used eventbrite to take registrations for the event.

Ride to Remember was held in July by Freedom Riders. Angie and Molly arranged for 240 bottle of water to be donated for the Ride. The monies they raise goes to DARE which helps to fund the local program to allow CADA monies to be used by other agencies.

MEMBERSHIP SHARING / COMMUNITY CONCERNS and TRENDS:

Betsy Collier, WOW – Shared public transportation flyers available for members to hang in the community. Residents aren't always aware that they serve all. They have 13 vehicles. Cost is \$2 each way and another, \$5 outside of Bluffton. Medicaid options .50 to \$1. Costs for persons 60 or older is by donation. Cash or punch card 12 punches for \$11. Can cover transportation to drug treatment appointments with verification.

Valerie Runyon, Park Center - Kim has retired and Valerie is now heading up the addictions program and are running 2 groups presently. Please give her a call if you need more info.

Deane' Holderman, DCS – DCS has purchased nitrile glove and masks for use when there may be hazards due to fentanyl or other toxic drugs in homes.

Joan Moon – She has been in contact with Sam Quinones, author of Dreamland. He is touring and doing speaking events and she would like to have him here for a community presentation. His rates at \$5000 plus expenses. He may be available next spring and she will get more information about his availability. Norwell would be a good location for him to give his presentation

THE NEXT MEETING IS: THURSDAY, September 14th, Recognition Luncheon at 4H Park

Minutes submitted by Deane' Holderman