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CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

November 12, 2015

4-H Community Building

In attendance: Vicki Bell (Wells Community Boys and Girls Club), Betsy Collier (Council On Aging, WOW), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service – Teen Court), Molly Hoag (Wells County Extension Service), Deane' Holderman (Department of Child Services), Chief Nathan Huss (Bluffton Police Department), Brian McClish (Ossian Police Department), Mark Misch (Norwell High School), Joan Moon (Women's Health Dynamics), Roger Sherer (Purdue Extension)

Guest: none

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am by President Molly Hoag. No introductions were needed.

Grant Program Reports: Angie Dial presented a program report on ATOD programs offered through the Teen Court program. No students attended the Freedom From Tobacco classes since the last report; however 20 students attended DETOURS and 5 students attended SIGNALS. Each of these educational opportunities helps youth to see the negative impacts of ATOD use and provides important tools to resist pressure of using in the future. The CADA grant helps to off-set the cost of the class to assist the juveniles to have affordable access to these opportunities. Due to low referrals, Angie asked that \$100 of the grant be carried over to use in 2016 for the same purpose the funds were awarded. The board unanimously approved the request.

Molly suggested focusing on program reports at the December meeting in an attempt to get them all done prior to the next grant cycle. Angie will send out the 2015 Program Report form as a convenience and a reminder.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the October 8, 2015 meeting were presented and approved. A motion was made by Mark Misch and seconded by Roger Sherer; unanimously passed.

New Members: none

Treasurer' Report: It was reported that \$348.50 was posted into the Drug Free Community Fund account in October. Collections are \$4,908.46 year to date with 2 months of collections remaining before the grant cycle.

The checking account balance as of October 30th is \$212.84. There has been recent activity with receipt of the LiGHT grants (\$387 in October and \$317 in November) and payment of expenses (room set up fee and hotel) related to the Today's Addict presentation in October; similar expenses will be incurred in November with the school speaker.

Unfinished Business: Plans have been finalized for Dustin Noonkester (Brady's Hope) to speak at the 3 public schools on Monday, November 23 (BHS at 8:45 am; SW at 10:30 am; NHS at 1:30 pm). It was decided that a representative from the school will be asked to introduce the speaker. Dustin does not want his son's death to be mentioned in the introduction as it is part of his presentation. Molly will get a bio from Dustin for the schools to use. Chauffeur and meal plans are yet to be decided. Vicki Bell, Joan Moon and the residents/staff of House of Hope plan to attend the presentation at BHS; Jessica Williams (News Banner) plans to attend at Southern Wells (SOS students may also attend at one of the locations). Please contact Molly if you would like to attend one of the presentations.

Molly reported that a man called her office after reading about Rodrigo Garcia's presentation in the newspaper. He was seeking help for someone who he believes is an alcoholic. Molly gave him information on Parkdale (a treatment and rehabilitation facility) then emailed Rodrigo to let him know that his presentation made a difference.

It was reported that the UPDATE to the current CCP was emailed to ICJI on October 29th. The NEW (3-year) CCP was emailed on October 28th. Our representative (Sonya Carrico) from ICJI didn't see any areas of concern; however suggested using "youth use" data over "AOD arrests in comparison to overall arrests" data. It was decided that we do not have a good tool to measure "youth use" in the community and that the arrest data, though not the best indicator in statistical data collection, is presently our best indicator of a reduction/increase in ATOD use at this time. We have not yet received a copy of the approval letter for the auditor to release the funds. A huge thank you to the committee and to everyone who provided data for the CCP's!

A survey was developed by the CCP committee for use in the new comprehensive plan. Results of the survey were distributed (80 responses were received). A similar survey will be distributed annually throughout the life the new plan.

The Regional Annual Meeting/Training is Friday, November 23. This is usually an evening event that features a motivational speaker; county nominations are recognized and regional winners are announced. This year, the event is a luncheon and includes 2 continuing education hours. Speakers are: Sgt Dan Mawhorr, Dustin Noonkester and Phil Zink. The Intensive Supervision Program was nominated in Wells County for program of the year; Jen Simpson was nominated as individual of the year for her work with the Substance Use Protocol Manual. Five from Wells County are registered to attend the event!

New Business: Molly explained that with the implementation of a new CCP, the entire grant application process will need to be reviewed. A Grants Committee (Nathan Huss, Vicki Bell, Betsy Collier, Mark Misch, Molly Hoag) will work to change the grant instructions, grant application and grant report to reflect the new CCP. The committee will meet on Friday, December 4 at 9:00-10:00 at the 4-H Community Building to revamp the grant paperwork and to set dates for the grant process (application distributed end of December, applications due the end of January, grant review early February, grant recommendation to the CADA board at the February 11, 2016 meeting).

Nominations for 2016 CADA officers are open. Several members present were willing to serve next year. Nominations will be open until December 1st; the slate will be put to a vote at the December 10th CADA meeting. So far, nominees include: PRESIDENT – open; VICE PRESIDENT – Joan Moon; SECRETARY – Deane' Holderman; TREASURER – Mark Misch. Interested parties may email: CADAofWellsCounty@yahoo.com to get their name on the slate.

A December meeting will be held. Agenda items will include: Program Reports, Grant Process Update, 2016 Officer Elections, Reaction re: School Speaker.

Community Concerns/Trends: Deane' reported that Forensic Fluids sends information sheets about current drugs. Kratom, an opiate based drug in white powdered form is beginning to show up. Deane' offered to share the information. They will be distributed to the CADA board via email as they come in.

Joan shared that a physician from Fort Wayne will be speaking about Vivitrol to BRMC physicians/administration in January. In April, Joan and Tom Allman will be presenting to the Family Practice Residents regarding addiction and the success of Vivitrol.

Joan has made initial contact with the county Health Department with hopes that this will prompt further communication in the future.

Joan reported that Paul Smith (BRMC) tried to find someone to represent the medical field on the CADA board; an Advanced Practitioner Nurse or ER staff would be ideal.

On November 17 at 1:00, Joan will share the book "Dreamland" with ladies (60's, 70's 80's) in her book club. The author Sam Quinones plans to skype in on the discussion.

Cravin' Vapes is advertising opening a vape store in Bluffton. It is unsure if the owner also owns the vape store at 224 and 1 in Kingsland called Custom Vapes. It was discussed to what extent the laws and ordinances have caught up with all of the new vaping trends.

Someone asked if a rumor was true that a homemade cocktail of a salt solution was being used by addicts to save other addicts when they OD. No one could confirm that as true.

Membership Sharing: Roger shared that the "Backpack Program" is packing 109 backpacks this week. They rely on volunteers/groups to pack and distribute the bags to areas schools and agencies.

The Career Expo is coming up on Thursday, November 19 at the 4-H Community Building. They expect 1100 students and 54 exhibitors (colleges, professions, industry, etc) to attend. The 3 public schools as possibly some private will participate.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm; Betsy moved and Nathan seconded.

Next meeting: Thursday December 10, 2015, at the 4-H Community Building

Submitted by: Angie Dial