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CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

June 11, 2015

4-H Community Building

In attendance: Vicki Andrews (Southern Wells Schools), Vicki Bell (Boys and Girls Club), Betsy Collier (Council On Aging, WOW), Andy Carnall (Prosecutor), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service – Teen Court), Alicia Hill (House of Hope), Molly Hoag (Wells County Extension Service), Deane Holderman (DCS), Mark Misch (Norwell High School), Joan Moon (Citizen), Stacy Morrison (Bluffton High School), Roger Sherer (Purdue Ext), Greg Werich (Probation), Tim Wilson (Norwell Middle School)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:35 by President Molly Hoag. An introduction of attendees was made, and having a school convocation was discussed.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes of June 11, 2015 and August 13, 2015 meetings were presented and approved, after corrections were made to June and August minutes, with a motion made by Greg Werich, seconded by Betsy Collier.

Grant Program Reports: Mark Misch said Norwell High School and Middle School will report at the October meeting. A discussion on WOW transportation and how it works with their grant request. Betsy Collier asked about the use of the grant funds for transportation of individuals going to addiction support groups. A motion was made by Molly Hoag and seconded by Greg Werich that the grant money could be used to transport to the support groups.

New Members: Mark Misch of Norwell High School

Treasurer' Report: \$60.84 balance in checking account reported by Treasurer Stacy Morrison. Drug Free Community Funds of \$1162.96 was posted in August.

Unfinished Business: October 7, will be a special presentation by Rodrigo Garcia. Information is yet to come from the speaker for details regarding his visit to Wells County. Two groups, Light and Wells County Foundation will donate up to \$500 each for any expenses for the speaker and any refreshments. The group suggested having only bottled water available. He is from the attorney general's office and will speak of his addictions and how he has to cope with his past. A motion to approve paying \$75 out of CADA funds for this important event, was made by Joan Moon and seconded by Mark Misch, motion approved by the group.

Greg reported the Comprehension Plan committee met and the draft is done and needs to be looked over by committee members. Problem statements are down to 2 categories, stats and data and goals need to be listed. Committee members were asked to give objectives for the plan. Several objectives listed were to provide ATOD training, public awareness, and tobacco free environments. Joan Moon would like to list information and asked questions regarding awareness with students and student athletes. Mark Misch talked about what education and the information provided at Northern Wells.

Stacy Morrison said many of the students “want out”. Out of their homes, out of Wells County, they just want out. They have staff meetings and training for the teachers to educate them on what to look for in the students with problems of drugs in the homes. Alicia Hill said the kids at House Of Hope need an aftercare program and a program has been started. The kids can have an aftercare program for as long as they need it. Individual group counseling, monthly drug testing is provided. Roger Sherer said maybe a program like the one on October 7, 2015, should be presented every year. Molly Hoag said she could possibly give local information that can be reported at the beginning of the October 7 meeting. Andy Carnall reported the court system offers classes, diversion, minor in possession charges would possibly be dismissed if they complete the program. Probation does intervention, incarceration and education. Wow does drug and alcohol testing, on line training. They train on what kind of drugs are around and how to detect them. They also offer information at the senior expo. Vicki Bell said they have staff training but have no program for the students.

Molly said there may be grant opportunities, think in terms of what is asked in the grant.

We would like a hospital group’s involvement with the plan.

A draft of the Comprehension Plan will go out and members should look over the plan.

The survey should be completed currently 75 have been turned in.

Community Concerns/Trends and Membership Sharing: Angie reported October meeting starting for RU – Reformers Unanimous – seven meetings at Grace Baptist. First Reformed had 6 attend in July, 15 attended in August. Betsy Collier said they were offering evening times for transport, to the meetings, to help on recovery of abusers. Joan Moon will be sharing with a group of elderly woman about drug abuse. DCS is seeing less heroin, more spice abuse and bath salts. Andy Carnall reported seeing more spice and Greg Werich added switching drug testing labs, Newcom, is faster and can detect more things.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 12:35 pm, was made by Mark Misch, seconded by Stacy Morrison, motion passed.

Next meeting: Thursday October 8, 2015, at the 4-H Community Building

Submitted by: Vicki Andrews