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CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

April 10, 2014

Wells County Annex

In attendance: Vicki Andrews (Southern Wells Schools), Angie Dial (Family Centered Service – Teen Court), Melissa Hayden (Wells County DCS), Alicia Hill (House of Hope), Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Rick Mettler (Bluffton Middle School), Jim Paxton (Wells County Sheriff's Department), Tammy Schaffer (Bluffton Police Department), Roger Sherer (Purdue Extension Service), Greg Werich (Wells County Probation)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Greg Werich. Melissa Hayden from Wells County DCS explained and gave the group information about their website.

Grant Program Reports (2013): Alicia Hill gave a grant report for House of Hope. Help has been given through the CADA grant for tuition for student services, using much of the money for drug testing at the house. Many come from families with addiction problems. The new grant will be strictly used for drug testing for the boys. Jim Paxton reported that the Sheriff's department has purchased DARE book supplies for students in the schools. Also money was used for the canine training program. A.J. Campbell is a new canine officer and doing very well with his training. Randy Steele has been a canine officer in the past. The canine program is a drug prevention tool. Rick Mettler reported that the Bluffton Middle School does random drug testing every two weeks for extra-curricular and co-curricular students. Only about 180 seventh and eighth grade students are eligible. Last year 72 tests were administered, no positive results. Parents can ask for testing of their student at the parent's expense. They have done the testing for 4 or 5 years now. They use ASL testing services.

New Members: None, however, Tammy Schaffer said she is retiring and Nathan Huss, the new Chief of Police will be attending the CADA meetings.

Treasurer' Report: None

Unfinished Business: Claims have been filed. Money would be available in 2 weeks. The change was made for House of Hope and it was approved. Their grant will be used for drug testing. Update from Molly on the ICIA grant articles submitted to the News-Banner regarding the use of the press relief. It will be put on page 5. Angie has a new flyer to distribute from this grant also. We can use the program and flyers they provide for more information. Two community groups have expressed interest for classes, they are Megan Workinger (Southern Wells Guidance) and House of Hope.

New Business: Awards banquet is usually held in May. It was decided not to have a banquet this year.

Community Concerns/Trends: Information was given about a new high end, hydroponic marijuana drug called KUSH.

Membership Sharing: June 2, 2014 Tammy Schaffer will be retiring from the Bluffton Police Department.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 11:30 – 4-H Community Center

Submitted by: Vicki Andrews