



CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

November 10, 2016

Wells County Council on Aging

In attendance: Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Brian McClish (Ossian Police Department), Deane' Holderman (DCS), Mark Misch (NWCS), Vicki Bell (WLBAC), Angie Dial (Family Centered Services), Charles Redwine (Dockside Services), Linda Gerber, Terry Gerber, Jessica Williams (News Banner), Valerie Runyon (Park Center), Roger Sherer (Purdue Extension), Andy Carnall (Wells Prosecutor). John Cole (FCS)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by President Molly Hoag.

Grant Program Reports:

Ossian PD presented their grant progress report. Stephanie Tucker is the DARE officer and has purchased 100 workbooks and RX workbooks with funding. She serves 112 students in the 5th grade and educates on negative consequences for drug abuse and positive behaviors with a 3 month curriculum and graduation. Report provided by Brian McClish Ossian PD

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the October 13, 2016 meeting were approved.

New Members: New participants included, Jessica Williams, John Cole and Valerie Runyan and have participated in their three meetings and are eligible for membership. Jessica has declined as an official member but is invited to attend. Valerie and John were voted in as official members. Charles Redwine, Terry Gerber and Linda Gerber were also present for the meeting. .

Treasurer' Report: Mark reported that they would like to change banks due to charges, the fees charged at the different banks were discussed. Greg made a motion to approve the change in banks to 1st Bank of Berne, Joan seconded the motion, and there was no discussion. The decision was passed.

No changes with the accounts since last month. Deposit from 9608.00 total for the year from court fees from drug and alcohol related offenses. 25% goes to the state and 75% stays in Wells County.

Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI), has now started a grant process to apply but CADA has not chosen to participate at this time.

Unfinished Business:

CCP update: Angie needs to gather from member's information for the CCP plan. She stated that no funds can be given until she submits the requests. She stated that Reminders were sent out for those who need to submit. The following are community members she still needs information for: Bluffton Middle School, Northern Wells Middle School, Department of Child Services, WCSD, Wells on Wheels, Health Department, Helping Hands, and Park Center.

Regional advisory board is next Friday and several people are going from Wells CADA. Registrations are still being accepted and Jessica Williams and Lane Gerber will be recognized for their community efforts. Luncheon is \$20

Regional Nominations:

Trusted Manufacturing was suggested as the agency to be nominated. Jessica Williams (News Banner) was nominated as the individual nominee. Joan agreed to complete the nomination paperwork for Jessica. Angie will send her an example. The nomination requests must be completed by next Friday. Molly will contact the Trusted Manufacturing representative (Lane Gerber). Joan will contact Jessica. The awards ceremony and training is on November 18th at Indiana Tech. Jessica and Lane will be requested to attend and will get recognized at that ceremony. The cost is \$20.00 to attend. Angie is the contact person if any members wish to attend. Joan and Kim acknowledged that they would be able to go. A motion was made that CADA pay for the nominee's fees to attend. All members agreed. Molly will ensure that payment is available.

Officer Nominations:

Nominations are being accepted for CADA Chair, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Names may be submitted. Deane' and Mark have offered to remain in current positions, Molly offered to be vice president. Nominations will be accepted for the president and vice positions. This will be on next month's agenda.

New Business:

Grant review committee: Requesting participants for the committee. Grants are due the end of January and recommendations to board for February to review the grants. Meeting in December and February. Mark, Betsy Andy Molly, & Deane' have volunteered for the committee. A meeting for the committee will be scheduled for December. Discussion with participants will follow the meeting today.

Community Concerns/Trends & Membership Sharing:

Charles Redwine/Dockside service: Charles worked at Bowen Center prior to working as Regional Manager at Dockside. They now have local office which is located on Market Street behind the DCS office. They offer Substance abuse groups, family visitations and therapy. Their focus is to provide more options for substance abuse treatment. Staff is from Allen County and they have 3 full time addiction therapists. They offer the Seeking Safety Program which they utilize with woman and domestic violence issues as well as addictions and mental health issues. They will work with clients to identify underlying issues as well as the impact that substance abuse has on children in the homes where this is occurring. Teen suicides are also a focus and how to address this in the community. Teens have decreased use of cigarettes but increased the use of marijuana which impacts their functioning and developing brain.

Referral can be self-referrals or from community partners. Email Charles with any questions. They are also working with probation and community corrections.

John Cole is the Systems of Care (SOC) Coordinator through Wells WRAPP (Wells Resources Available for People and Providers). WRAPP meets the first Tuesday of every month at 9am at the Wells County Main Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Information is shared by providers and community partners as to current services in Wells County.

Terry Gerber and his wife Linda Gerber have personal experience in their family as well as being adoptive parents. They participate in a group called " Parent's about Drug Abuse ". They are familiar with impacts of drugs on families and sees the recent legalizations of marijuana contrary to common sense. He saw a magazine for marijuana but was upset about these being available to our youth in the community. He has seen the impact on their sons with early drug use. Double standards. He wrote up a cover letter to CVS of his concerns and is distributing it locally with his concerns. Now the magazines are no longer on the shelves at CVS. His son has drug history and was on probation and brought back to Indiana and made contacts with drug users through rehab and his AA meetings. Charles responded to concerns

that it is important in recovery to have internal and external supports in order to be successful upon their discharge from incarceration.

Mrs. Gerber spoke about their involvement in Reformers Unanimous and their support to parents in the community. They advocate finding ways to support their children going through addiction issues.

Valerie Runyon with Park Center spoke about Recovery Works and seeing some success locally with this program. She is in her 3rd year of her MSW and wants to expand substance abuse services and also has a Life Skills Group at Park Center. There is also a seeking Safety group which will be coming at some time in the future. Park Center is busy with substance abuse referrals and also working with the Recovery Works program through probation and community corrections and began in September.

Angie Dial share that Family Centered Services is now in their new offices at the old Youth for Christ Building.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:41pm

Next meeting: The next meeting will be December 8th, 2016 at 11:30 in the 4-H Community Center.

Submitted by Deane' Holderman