



CITIZENS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

August 10, 2016

Wells County Council on Aging

In attendance: Molly Hoag (Purdue Extension), Betsy Collier (Council on Aging/WOW), Deane' Holderman (Dept of Child Services), Chief Nathan Huss (Bluffton Police Department), Brian McClish (Ossian Police Department), Joan Moon (Community Member), Phil Hutson (Park Center), Jessica Williams (News Banner), Greg Werich (Probation), Stacy Morrison (BHS), Vicki Andrews (Southern Wells), Andy Carnall (Prosecutor)

Welcome, Introduction and Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:32 am by President Molly Hoag.

Grant Program Reports: Stacy Morrison presented a grant report for Bluffton HS; they received \$460 in the 2016 grant cycle. They use ASL testing/oral swabs and 160 tests were completed last school year, an average of 3-5 students per week. Students participate voluntarily; a letter is sent home for parents. If a screen is positive they meet with student and then meet with parents followed by contact from the curriculum director. 433 students enrolled last year, they must participate in the program in order to drive to school or be involved in extra-curricular activities. This is a non-punitive program but may have consequence for extra-curricular. Of 160 tested 92.5% were negative 11 positive for tobacco and one marijuana. If a student is 18, the expectation is to be nicotine free for any school clubs or sports. If the only activity they participate in is driving to school than there is no offense if they test positive for nicotine.

Presentation of Minutes: Minutes from the June 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

New Members: No new members, but several on list are one meeting away.

Treasurer' Report: Molly reported that there is no change in the check book balance from prior month; as of 5/31/16 the balance remains \$113.27.

Molly reported the Drug Free Community Funds balance June as \$5,378.54 including the June deposit.

Unfinished Business: June's Drug Impact Discussion panel had 38 attendees. There was discussion about another panel with schools as a participant. Other input included that it was well done and full of information. Need to see if morning was a good time for participants and also could think about other options. Joan stated that it was good and was a really great networking opportunity.

Joan reported concerns about an overdose situation as well as a situation in the emergency room which she had heard. She voiced her concerns that Wells first responders may need some information about compassion fatigue and secondary trauma. Joan wants to head up committee for fall about secondary trauma and asked for volunteers. Deane' will participate and Joan will call Julie Thompson at the hospital. Phil will look at options for speakers.

The Freedom Riders had another ride and CADA collected about 120 bottles of water to donate for this year's event. The Freedom Riders raised about \$4000 for DARE.

New Business: The CCP update is due at the end of October; members can email statistics for the annual update.

Community Concerns/Trends & Membership Sharing: Molly is doing program for the students at Brickhouse Ministries/House of Hope, a 2 part series on tobacco.

Phil reported that on 8/25/16 there will be a Youth Mental Health First Aid training for anyone interested. This can be used toward Suicide Prevention Training. The full day training 8 hours is made possible from a SOC grant through WRAPP. Schools can also connect with NAMI for this free training. They will be hosting another one this year as well.

Greg is going to a conference where there is to be a Vivitrol presentation.

Jessica Williams asked about the elephant tranquilizers that were in the CADA flyer and if any had been seen locally.

Chief Huss said that they had not seen the elephant tranquilizer, but said there was a bad batch of spice around. He stated that they saw combativeness among abusers, but most of the time they are combative due to first responders eliminating their high.

Andy Carnall stated that the law is trending toward lower sentencing times. Drug involved adults are being seen more as a victim vs as a criminal; Joan asked about incarceration.

Pastor Lane Sanders at Sunlight Church is now offering counseling services including substance abuse counseling which is understood to be reasonably priced.

Dockside will also have a store front in the community and have substance abuse services and groups. Deane' can bring more information at next meeting.

We need to make sure that 211 United Way has the current provider information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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

Lemuel Vegas will be speaking on Christmas behind bars.

Submitted by Deane' Holderman