



Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016

Attendance:

Pete Dell'Aquila (Project Coordinator), Tim Ricketts (President), Nick Ficarello (Vice President), Pam Dell'Aquila (Secretary), Sandy Fletcher (Treasurer), Jimmy Winkler (Member at large)

Call to Order: 3:05 pm

Meetings at 3 pm at RCHS on the Mondays prior to coalition meetings works for all board members.

Updates:

Youth Group - Tim, Pete, and Nick met in September to discuss youth group formation. 5 students (1 freshman and 4 sophomores) attended the first meeting. Tim ran the meeting, with Pete and Marie Sawyer in attendance. Excitement was generated as the students brainstormed a name for the group (RAD - Reed Custer Against Drugs) and fundraising ideas. The next meeting will be on Oct 13th.

C.H.A.N.G.E. Program - Nick reported that they are waiting for confirmation that they have been accepted to receive proceeds from Exelon's "Fishing for a Cure" Tournament to be able to purchase a vehicle for use by volunteers of the CHANGE program to transport persons to detox/treatment. They CHANGE team members are setting up meetings with detox centers. (There are no detox centers in Will County, the closest being in Chicago.) Discussion surrounded the lack of detox/treatment facilities in our area. Nick suggested a subcommittee be formed to research detox/treatment centers within driving distance. Pam mentioned there are several in Central Illinois and Northeast Indiana. The Mayor wants to be involved and is planning to approach Sue Rezin and Adam Kinzinger about the cause after the November election.

IYS Data - Pete has the aggregated IYS data. It will be presented in November.

Parent & Youth Communication Campaigns - Posters, etc have been ordered. The schools will send out parent letters. RAD kids will be utilized to hand the youth posters at the school. Sandy will help Pete and Nick with hanging parent posters around town. Pete indicated a radio ad will be run at the end of the school year. Tim noted the next P/T conferences are on Oct 20th.

Coalition Business:

Prescription Drug Take Back Day - October 22. Pam will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the coalition meeting next week. Pam will send Dep Chief Soucie a copy of the flyer and get informational brochures ready for that day.

Red Ribbon Week - October 23-30. Pete will be going to the MS for presentations to all students during PE classes on either Oct 24th or 26th. Tim checked the HS calendar and indicated that the 26th would work better for RAD kids to attend.

Organizational Chart - Pete and Tim had discussed the need for an organizational chart after sessions at the CADCA conference. Pete presented a draft of the chart. Points suggested were to: include the names of the action teams (and determine chairs of the teams), list the sectors (and have members rate the importance/involvement of each sector to determine where who to recruit), and to list our specific prevention plan and system plan programs in the SPF C-Grant Section.

Funding:

Network for Good - The \$500 check that Sandy received in the mail was given to Tim to research. It was determined that the organization offered the check to the coalition to get our business to do fundraising efforts (at a monthly charge to us) on our behalf. Board decided that service was not necessary at this time (limited funds in our checking account that may be needed for local use) and Tim shredded the check.

DFC Grant - With all the collaboration and financial support from our PD, the SW Coalition and our fundraising efforts, and the events we have been involved with in the community, the next grant announcement (in January 2017) would be an ideal time to do a DFC application. There are many things that we need to start preparing, including sector MUO's.

Braidwood PD - (Nick had mentioned earlier in the meeting of the possibility of receiving proceeds from Exelon's Fishing Tournament)

Other Business/Concerns:

- 1) Pete is working on the list of CHANGE volunteers. Training for volunteers is being planned.
- 2) Sandy wondered if we need to be bonded for liability purposes. She will look into this.
- 3) Pete asked if there is anything that should be included in the monthly meeting agenda items. Tim stressed the importance of allowing action team time at each meeting and limiting the amount of activity reporting time.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be November 7, 2016, at 3 pm at RCHS