



**Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2016**

Attendance: Sandy Fletcher, Pam Dell'Aquila, Veronica Kovar (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Mark Kovar (law enforcement, other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Joni Leigh (substance abuse organization), Nick Ficarelo (law enforcement), Debbie Rutherford (business, other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Janie Votta (grandparent), Jim Vehrs (local Government), Sarah Nalley (parent), Marie Sawyer (substance abuse organization), Shree Woods (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Amrita Raghuraman (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Tim Ricketts (schools), Rich Rizzo (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse)

Call to Order: 4:40 pm by President Tim Ricketts, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: October minutes were emailed to members prior to the meeting and printed copies were available at the meeting. Tim called for motion to approve October meeting minutes as presented. Sandy motioned. Veronica 2nd. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: November Treasurer's Report was emailed to members prior to the meeting and printed copies were available at the meeting. The checking account balance is \$3274.63 (This balance includes 2 outstanding checks totaling \$807.00 from HEAR US designated funds). The undesignated funds balance is \$858.07. The designated funds balance is \$2416.56 with \$1142.56 available in HEAR US, \$274.00 in BASSET, \$500.00 in CDAE, and \$500 in YCC. Tim called for motion to approve November Treasurer's Report as presented. Rich motioned. Janie 2nd. Motion carries.

Coalition Business:

Tim explained the reasoning behind the Executive Board meetings: To discuss coalition business and make executive decisions, so that more time can be devoted to Action Team planning by the members during the regular coalition meetings.

Action Team Reports & Partner Updates:

C.H.A.N.G.E. Program (Communities Helping Addicts Needing to Gain Empowerment) - Nick reported that a 2nd placement was made with the PD's partnership with the BAHCC & Chestnut Health Systems (2nd placement without the assistance of AMIRF). The PD is developing a partnership with Ray Banks of Restoration Ministries, who has experience with rehab. They are based in Harvey and have a group recovery home.

RAD (Reed-Custer Against Drugs) -

Tim reported that the first round of the Student Communication Campaign posters are up at the HS. The students will replace them with the 2nd round of posters before Christmas. The RAD students spoke to the 8th graders about RAD during RR Week at the RCMS, The next meeting will be November 21. Joni mentioned that at the PRADA meeting last week, it was suggested that the PHS TAD students meet with the RCHS RAD students. Tim said he will arrange for them to get together.

Chicago Heroin Forum -

Marie reported that she and Pete attended the forum on October 27th, She participated in a small group discussion about drug education in the community, noting that the education should begin with the kids and then, the parents. Tim brought up that we need to continue to educate our community as we did last year at the HEAR US forum in May. Rich mentioned a recovering addict at Gateway he met who would be willing to speak.

TGFD (Too Good for Drugs) -

Marie reported that Mr. Dinelli had the 6th grade students who have completed the TGFD program in his Character Development classes complete a survey after their post test. The results of the survey indicate that the students took a lot out of the class.

EYPC -

Shree and Amrita reported that on November 1st, the Braidwood Park District agreed to make the Lions Kiddie Park, Goodrich Park, and the Skate Park 100% Tobacco Free, and to designate Smoke Free Zones at Old Smokey City Park's Ball Field area, similar to what Wilmington Park District has in place. Pam mentioned the article in the Braidwood Journal about this accomplishment.

SMART Recovery -

Pam reported that the group has not really revolved yet, that it takes time. Meeting flyers were posted to facebook, and included in the Braidwood Park District newsletter. Pam will ask the Free Press to help spread the word about the program.

Coalition Organizational Chart -

Tim reviewed the Coalition Organizational Chart distributed to the membership. He pointed out the results of the sector ratings that the members worked on at the last meeting, noting that our goal is to have a 5 star rating across ALL sectors. He indicated that getting involvement from the faith sector has always been a problem. He and Nick have talked about having 1 on 1 meetings with pastors in the community. Nick suggested that the PD could divert juvenile offenders to church youth groups. (Evidence shows that involvement in one's faith community is a protective factor.) Involvement in a church's youth group would serve two purposes: to help with attitude change and to fulfill mandated community service.

It was brought up that youth need to learn the importance of community service. Tim reminded members that community service hours are now a requirement for graduation from RCHS. He mentioned that April 4-5, 2017, are scheduled as Community Service days in all RC communities. The freshmen, sophomores, and seniors will perform community service projects (juniors will be testing on those days) in all communities in the RC district. Suggestions for projects are welcome.

Member Education Articles -

The following articles were distributed to members:

“DEA Schedules Deadly Synthetic Drug U-47700”

“Researchers explore link between childhood trauma and adult drug use”

“Increased drug use leads to rise in number of foster kids”.

IYS Data Presentation -

Marie provided copies of BAHCC’s Logic Model from 2014, 2015 and 2016 for the state grant and reported on the IYS data collected in the Southern Will County school districts Reed-Custer, Wilmington, and Peotone. The 2016 data shows:

- Percentage of students at risk for substance use addiction has decreased since 2012
- Percentage of students reporting alcohol use in the past 30 days has decreased since 2012
- Percentage of students that think it is acceptable for their peers to drink regularly has also decreased
- Percentage of students that say they do not have clear family rules about alcohol and drug use has decreased for 12th grade students, but slightly increased for 10th grade students from 2014
- Percentage of students who reported using alcohol with permission from their parents has increased for both grades.

The first three points indicate that the implementation of YPE (TND) has made a positive impact. The newly implemented Student Communication Campaign targeting peer perception of use is designed to decrease these percentages, as well.

The Parent Communication Campaign (which was implemented about 6 months prior to the IYS data collection) targets parent provision of alcohol; with the purpose of decreasing permissive social norms by increasing the number of students reporting they have clear family rules about alcohol and drug use, and decreasing easy social access by decreasing the number of students receiving alcohol with permission from their parents.

(Tim gave Marie an A+ on her presentation!)

Pam suggested we may want to look back at the coalition’s initial Substance Abuse Prevention Plan to see how we have met the outcomes that we had hoped to reach by 2016.

Action Team Breakout Session -

Tim asked for members to determine the “go to” person(s) - the Chairs and Co-Chairs for each of the Action Teams, which will be included in the Organizational Chart. Tim will head up the Organizational & Client Development Teams, with Pete (nominated in his absence) as Co-Chair. Sarah will Chair the Fund Development Team, with Mayor Vehrs Co-Chairing. Pam will Chair the Service Delivery Team, with Rich as Co-Chair.

Other Business -

Mayor Vehrs reported that he is involved with the planning committee for the May 6-7, 2017, Red Carper Corridor events. He plans to open the whole town of Braidwood, rather than just having activities, displays, vendors, etc. just along Rt. 66. He suggested that the coalition may want to sell hotdogs during the event to raise funds. He asked that if anyone has suggestions to contact him. He has to have the Braidwood flyer ready by the end of January.

Adjournment -

Tim called for a motion to adjourn at 5:47 pm. Mayor Vehrs motioned. Rich 2nd. Motion carries.

Next Meeting -

Monday, December 14, 2016 @ 4:30 pm at the Braidwood Fire Station Training Room
(Will include a potluck mini Christmas Feast)