



**Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 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), Pete Dell'Aquila (substance abuse organization), Pegg Warnick (business), Nick Ficarello (law enforcement), Janie Votta, Judith Sutter (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Jom Vehrs (local Government), Susie Vehrs, Sarah Nalley (parent), Kaitlin Walsh, Marie Sawyer, Kevin Lemke (parent), Angela Solares

**Call to Order:** 4:40 pm by Pete Dell'Aquila, who led the Pledge of Allegiance and then called for introductions.

**Approval of Minutes:** Sandy motioned to approve September meeting minutes. Veronica 2nd. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Sandy Fletcher reported a balance of \$3363.63 in the BAHCC checking account. A \$500 deposit was made (donation from Southwest Coalition for the Youth Communication Campaign) and a check for \$74.10 was written as reimbursement for RCHS Homecoming Parade expenses. A check for \$457.00 for Hear US 5k shirts is still outstanding. Pete will contact the vendor. Checking account balance spreadsheets were distributed to members, which indicated deposits and expenses for general and designated funds. No motion was made to accept Treasurer's report. (Motion was not called for.)

**Coalition Business:**

Pete reported that the purchase of Be Their Guide window clings has been approved by the state, and the clings will be delivered soon. All posters, postcards, chachki for the Parent & Youth Communication Campaigns are in and will launch this month. The Executive Board is planning to apply for a DFC (Drug Free Communities grant). Pete explained that the grant maximum is \$125,000 and these funds must be matched through in kind donations, such as rent and utility expenses being donated for an office which includes space for the coalition staff, meetings, counseling and support groups.

Pegg Warnick reported that each year Exelon employees nominate charity organizations to be recipients of the proceeds from the annual "Fishing for a Cure" tournament held at Braidwood Lakes. She announced that the BAHCC was chosen to receive the monetary award from the tournament scheduled in May 2017 (probably May 21st) and suggested that the award might be used for the purchase of a vehicle to be used by agents of the CHANGE Program (to transport

clients to treatment.) She also mentioned that a kids' fishing tournament is held at the Godley Park District pond on the same day as the "Fishing for a Cure" tournament.

#### **Action Team Reports & Partner Updates -**

- Pete reported that Tim R is heading up the RAD (Reed-Custer Against Drugs) youth group. 5 students attended the first meeting, with the next meeting to be held on October 13th. The students were asked to bring a friend to that meeting.
- Sarah reported that the RCHS Homecoming parade went well. Pam, Sarah and Sandy decorated Sarah's golf cart for the parade. Candy and flyers were passed out along the parade route by Sandy, Janie and Kevin.
- Pam reported that a Paint Night fundraiser has been arranged to be held on Wednesday, Nov 30th at Joneseez from 7-9pm. Cost per person will be \$30, with the coalition receiving \$15 per person. Flyers will be distributed around town and posted on facebook
- Pegg announced that Exelon is sponsoring a Safe Teen Driving interactive presentation on Thursday, October 27th from 6:30 - 8 pm. She will email Pam the flyer to share on facebook.
- Pam reported that the blog post written by Kevin about his addiction and recovery for Recovery Month was extremely well received on social media, reaching over 6,200 on facebook with over 1000 post clicks and almost 300 reactions, comments and shares.
- Pam will be making several facebook & twitter posts each week during National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month.
- Volunteer sign up sheets were passed around for the October 22nd Drug Take Back event at the BWD PD
- Pete will be doing presentations at RCMS during PE classes for Red Ribbon Week, with RAD students, the Health Department EYPC/Reality facilitators and an officer from BWD PD participating, as well.
- Mayor Vehrs reported that organizations and individuals in the community are invited to add decorations to the community Christmas tree beginning after Thanksgiving, but before the Tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 3rd at 5 pm.
- CHANGE Program: Nick reported that the 4th placement of a client (a 27 year old lady) has occurred. The client was placed at the Chestnut facility in Bloomington, went through detox there, but unfortunately checked herself out before treatment. This was the 1st placement done by the PD without assistance from AMIRF. Nick mentioned that the Executive Board is concerned about the lack of detox centers in Will County, and the limited options for treatment within the county, The Mayor indicated that he plans to meet with our district Senators and other Will County executives after the election regarding this and other drug related issues.
- CADCA Article: An article on the deadly drug carfentanil hitting the streets was distributed to members.

**Program Expansion:** Pam reported that the Braidwood Park District has agreed to BAHCC's proposal to allow the use of the Old Smokey building for SMART Recovery addiction support group meetings. They will be held from 7 - 8:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month Denise Rall will facilitate the meetings, beginning on November 9th. Flyers will be

distributed throughout the community, posted on facebook, and will be included in the Park District's next newsletter.

**Action Teams Breakout Session** - Pete asked that members of each Action Team assign team chairs/leaders during the breakout session in order to make updates on the coalition organizational chart that Pete distributed to members, and asked that the client development team rate sector involvement, to determine where recruiting efforts should be aimed. (See Attached Lists)

### **Adjournment**

Pete motioned to Adjourn. Mark 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

**Next Meeting November 14, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the Braidwood Fire Department's Training Room.**

**October 10, 2016 Action Team Breakout Session  
Working Notes**

<b>Client &amp; Organizational Development</b>	<b>Service Delivery</b>	<b>Fund Development</b>
<p>Red Ribbon Week 10/23/-10/31: Proclamation - by Mayor Publicize proclamation</p>	<p>Increase public awareness: get permission to post info/events on city, school &amp; fire dept scrolling marquees; Have RAD kids deliver messages at sporting events; hold half time contests (VB - serve to hit a target on opposite side of court, BKB - knock out), Sponsor another disc golf tourney</p>	<p>Frisbee Golf Tourney (Kevin) @ Rivals Groups-shot gun start Promote on fb  Texas Hold 'Em tourney (Kevin) - check with Joneseez</p>
<p>April Alcohol Awareness Month: RAD kids involvement - kids sign proclamation &amp; present to Mayor, participate in Your Actions Matter</p>	<p>Collaborate with library on Youth activities</p>	<p>Spaghetti Dinner/Pancake breakfast - Feb 2017 (Mayor Vehrs) - talk to pastor</p>
<p>Change Program: Recruit volunteers - to promote involvement with some creative ideas to answer "What's in it for me?"</p>	<p>Regular recovery blogs (interviews, photo, testimonials) posted on blog page with links to fb &amp; twitter</p>	<p>Businesses 3-5 % donation weekend of Memorial Day, create flyer (Mayor)</p>
<p>Sectors- get their involvement, work on piecing them/their interests into specific portions of events/activities, use IYS local data as discussion points during sector recruitment</p>	<p>Long term goal: gear more programs toward young adults and seniors - draw them in with food. Organize two event days for young adults: 1st event offer various sessions on resume building interview techniques, how to dress, etc (bring workforce training to so will co) and then follow up with a job fair/hiring event</p>	<p>Golf Outing - spring (Sarah &amp; Chief) Contact Morris CC for costs for golfers, etc., food &amp; alcohol</p>
	<p>RAD kids - Lock-in over the winter</p>	<p>Tag Day (Sarah) springtime - weekend before or after Memorial Day</p>

