



**Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016**

Attendance: Pete Dell'Aquila (substance abuse organization), Pam Dell'Aquila, Tim Ricketts (schools), Nick Ficarelo (Law Enforcement), Sandy Fletcher (Civic organization), Jimmy Winkler (Youth), Shree Woods (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Amrita Raghuraman (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Mark Kovar (Law enforcement, other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Veronica Kovar (other organization involved in reducing substance abuse), Bill Rulien (business), Jim Vehrs (Local Government), Pegg Warnick (business), Janie Votta (Civic Organization), Sarah Nalley (parent), Sandy Hamon (Civic organization), Denise Rall (Health care professional, substance abuse organization), Kevin Lemke (parent, youth serving organization), Rich Rizzo (volunteer organization)

Call to Order: President Tim Ricketts called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and called for introductions, as several new members were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Veronica motioned to accept the August 8, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. Mark 2nd. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Checking account balance spreadsheets were distributed to members. Sandy F. reported a balance of \$3591.73 in the coalition checking account, with one still outstanding check of \$457.00 to GritGear for 5k shirts (to be deducted from HEAR US designated funds), leaving a total of \$3134.73 available. Bill motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Sandy H. 2nd. Motion carried. Pete has contacted GritGear about the outstanding check.

Partner Updates and Reports:

Youth & Parent Communication Campaigns - Pete told members to watch for posters this month. Those who have agreed to distribute the posters will receive a package of all campaign posters which will include a timeline on when each poster should be displayed.

TND & Too Good for Drugs - This school year marks the 3rd year of the TND program being in place in Freshman Health classes at RCHS. (It is also the 3rd year it is being taught at WHS.) Too Good for Drugs, in its 2nd year, will be taught to 5th graders at RCIS beginning in January, and is being implemented in the 6th grade for the first time this year at RCMS. It has been difficult to get a commitment to implement these programs from the Peotone schools.

EYPC/Reality - Shree reported that the Smoke Free Parks/Smoke Free Zones policy draft was sent to the Park District attorney. The Park District will be adding a section to their Rules and

Regulations, rather than adopting a separate ordinance. She is hoping for a vote at the Park District's October meeting. Tim will work with Shree to get a room at the HS for the EYPC group meetings.

CADCA Articles - Articles about Family Day, Drug Take Back Day, National Drugs & Alcohol Week, and the development of a safer opioid painkiller were distributed to members. Pete suggested that members should make sure to look at the CADCA website to look at the many resources they offer.

BASSET Training - Pam reported that a request for BASSET training was received from Emmy's Cafe & Berkots. Plans are in the works for a class to be held in Braidwood before mid-October.

National Recovery Month - Pam indicated that September is National Recovery Month. Tim suggested sharing a story on a blog. Kevin agreed to share his story. Pam will post it on the Southern Will Parents webpage, and put a link to it on the coalition(s) facebook pages. Tim will post the link to Twitter.

New Business:

Youth Group - Tim, Pete, and Chief Ficarello met to discuss the formation of a youth group at the HS that mirrors the coalition mission, with Tim indicating that the timing is perfect for the formation of this group because of the Community Service requirement for graduation. Tim will spearhead the group. Tim asked coalition members for ideas on ways to draw kids in. The following suggestions were offered: provide food, have competitions within club, offer letters of recommendation, have a games/activities night.

HEAR US Motorcycle Run Fundraiser with WASA - Kevin had suggested to Pam that we hold a HEAR US motorcycle run fundraiser. Pam suggested that Rich Rizzo, a WASA (Warriors Against Substance Abuse) member might be helpful in getting their support. Rich suggested the idea to the group at their September meeting. They were receptive to the idea, but wanted to wait until the springtime since they have a run scheduled on October 2 and because the season is almost over. Rich is planning to sponsor Kevin into the group, and he can then talk more about his idea with them. Rich will serve as the liaison between WASA and BAHCC.

Braidwood PD CHANGE (Communities Helping Addicts Needing to Gain Empowerment) Initiative - Chief Ficarello explained that meetings have been held with Tim Ryan, Chief Langlois of the Dixon Police Department, treatment facilities, and the initiative planning team to develop a policy to help addicts who ask for help from the PD to get into treatment in a matter of hours, instead of weeks. He stressed that a partnership between the PD and the coalition is crucial to the CHANGE agents part of the initiative. These agents will be screened volunteers who will be trained on the police policy and procedures for the initiative, as well as on personal safety, who assist and attend the addicts seeking help, and then transport them (preferably in teams of two) in a police supplied vehicle to treatment. Volunteer transportation is important so that our officers can remain on the street as a matter of public safety. Pete asked that anyone interested in volunteering would let him know and indicate their hours of availability.

Action Teams Breakout Session: Strengthening the Coalition

Pete explained that members would break into small groups, according to their interest in Fundraising, Service Delivery/Program Development, or Organizational & Client Development, to brainstorm. Tim asked members to think of one small thing that we could do as we strive to become more action oriented. (See Attached Lists)

Upcoming Events: Tim reviewed the list of upcoming events and suggested that the coalition participate in the Homecoming Parade on September 30th at 2 pm. Having a golf cart displaying the coalition banner and handing out coalition brochures was suggested. The PD indicated they have a golf cart that might be utilized, and Sarah said she has a larger one. Several members said they could be available the day of the parade.

Rich said he could help with Drug Take Back day at BWD PD.

Adjournment: Mark motioned to adjourn at 6:00 pm. Sandy F 2nd. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2016 at 4:30 pm at the Braidwood Fire Department Training Room

**September 12, 2016 Action Team Breakout Session:
Strengthening the Coalition (Becoming More Action Oriented)**

Client & Organizational Development Team	Service Delivery/Program Development Team	Fund Development Team						
	<p>Increase Public Awareness:</p> <p>Ask members to Share and Like Coalition fb posts, retweet Twitter posts - Pam</p> <p>Have WCHD share pertinent coalition fb posts - Shree & Amrita</p> <p>Talk to Mayor about the City sharing our fb posts - Pam</p> <p>Suggestion to make posts on snapchat & instagram, also</p>	<table border="1"> <tr><td>Tag Day - Sarah</td></tr> <tr><td>Spaghetti Dinner/Pancake Breakfast @ 1st Presbyterian Church - Mayor</td></tr> <tr><td>Paint Night @ Freaks or Joneseez - Sandy</td></tr> <tr><td>Texas Hold 'em Tourney - Kevin</td></tr> <tr><td>Businesses Donate % of Sales - Mayor</td></tr> <tr><td>Golf Outing (Next Spring) - Chief & Sarah</td></tr> </table>	Tag Day - Sarah	Spaghetti Dinner/Pancake Breakfast @ 1st Presbyterian Church - Mayor	Paint Night @ Freaks or Joneseez - Sandy	Texas Hold 'em Tourney - Kevin	Businesses Donate % of Sales - Mayor	Golf Outing (Next Spring) - Chief & Sarah
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	<p>Things People can do to get Involved with the Coalition: Recruit CHANGE Agents</p> <p>Talk to: FCC & CLA - Bill Crystal Nero (Serenity Steps) - Pam CFC (Jeff Urban) - Pam</p> <p>Other possible groups to contact: Adult Children of Alcoholics Nar-anon groups Local NA groups (Kevin might be a good one to send to these meetings) Smart Recovery Participants - Denise? Teen Challenge Graduates - Pam ask Deb about contact info</p>	<p>Other Suggestions:</p> <p>Euchre Tournament</p> <p>Bingo Night</p> <p>Lady's Night Out</p> <p>BBQ/Chili Cook-off</p> <p>Candy Day School Sales School Games</p> <p>Raffle Basket</p> <p>Sleep-in (with AMT providing counseling)</p>						
	<p>Smart Recovery Get a group started in BWD - Pam and Denise collaborate to find location</p>							