



Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017

Attendance: Janie Votta (Civic organization), Sandy Fletcher (Civic organization), Pam Dell'Aquila, Pete Dell'Aquila (Other organization involved in substance abuse prevention), Yatitza Guzman (Other organization involved in substance abuse prevention), Pegg Warnick (Business), Marcie Clark (Business), Veronica Kovar (Other organization involved in substance abuse prevention), Mark Kovar (Law enforcement, Other organization involved in substance abuse prevention), Tim Ricketts (Schools), Shree Woods (Other organization involved in substance abuse prevention), Amrita Raghuraman (Other organization involved in substance abuse prevention), Rich Rizzo, Nick Ficarelo (Law enforcement), Brian Lewis (Law Enforcement), Sarah Andrews, Kevin Lemke (Parent), Teri Riney, Carli Angone, Angela Ridgley (Parent), Rod Ridgley (Parent), Brandy Ridgley (Youth)

Call To Order: Tim called meeting to order at 4:32 pm, led the Pledge of Alligiance, and called for introductions

Coalition Business:

Executive Board Report - Pam reported that the Executive Board had worked with an attorney to review a policy written for the disbursement of HEAR US funds. The board unanimously approved the policy at the April Exec. Board meeting last week. The board also approved issuance of a \$100 sponsorship check to Pregnancy Resource Center for the BAHCC logo to be included on the Walk for Life event shirts.

Approval of Minutes - Tim called for a motion to approve March meeting minutes. Sandy motioned. Nick 2nd. Motion carries.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - Spreadsheets were distributed to members. Sandy reported an April 1, 2017 checkbook balance of \$3017.18, minus a \$100 check written on April 3 to Pregnancy Resource Center. Tim called for a motion to approve the April Treasurer's report. Rich motioned. Veronica 2nd. Motion carries

Bylaws Amendment Vote: The proposed amendment is as follows:

Section 3.2 Appointment and Term of Office. Each Board member shall be elected for a two-year term by the members and shall be nominated for a specific Officer position or the one non-officer position. Elections shall be held annually, with President and Treasurer elected in even-numbered years and Vice-President, Secretary, and Member-at-Large elected in odd-numbered years. Elected officers shall begin serving their terms in office in August, following the June annual meeting and election.

Pam distributed ballots to eligible voting members, which were collected by Tim to be tallied.

Action Team & Partner Updates:

HEAR US - Kevin would like to do a 3 on 3 & 3 Point Shoot Out fundraiser. Tim suggested he speak to Chuck Anderson, the RC 255U Athletic Director, to check availability of the Field House. Kevin indicated he is drafting sponsorship letters. Pete said he would help proof them. Kevin introduced Sarah Andrews. Sarah would like to do a documentary film on substance abuse in Braidwood. She would like to work with the city, police department, coalition and schools on the project to gather information and conduct interviews. Tim suggested she might want to attend a school board meeting to get permission to film on their grounds and interview students. She would like to hold a local screening of the film when it is completed.

CHANGE Program: Nick reported the golf outing to benefit the BAHCC & HEAR US is set for August 4 at Heritage Bluffs in Channahon. He and Pete will be presenting on Addiction Stigma & the CHANGE program at the JJC Anti-Stigma Symposium on April 21st. Nick noted that the Lockport PD will be meeting with the BWD PD to compare placement programs. He reported that the mayor has presented a challenge to the PD regarding the fact that there is 1 OD death per 1575 people in Braidwood. He wants to cut that number in half.

RAD: The group has been responsible for hanging the Student Communication Campaign posters around the school. RAD member Brandy stated she is excited to see where the group goes because kids are the future of the community. There are 2 or 3 students signed up to attend the CGTI midyear conference at EIU to be held in July. We may need to do a fundraiser to help students with the cost of attendance. Billy Barrow (RCHS) has been awarded a \$20 McDonald's gift card for his Student Communication Campaign selfie post.

Prom/Post-Prom: Prom is April 22. A Red Carpet event will be held at the HS prior to boarding busses to dinner and dancing at the Morris Country Club from 6-10pm. 160 students will be attending the dinner. 100 students will be attending Post Prom at the Brunswick Zone in Bolingbrook from 10:30p - 1:30a. Students not attending post Prom will be bussed back to RCHS, and students attending Post-Prom will be bussed to the event from the dinner venue and back to RCHS at the conclusion of the evening.

EYPC/Reality IL: No updates. Amrita noted that the Will County MAPP Collaborative wants to recognize all businesses in Will County that provide a healthy workplace for their employees. Info can be found on the WCHD website.

<http://www.willcountyhealth.org/Public-Health-and-Safety/MAPP-Process/MAPPD/category/137/WeWill>

SMART Recovery: Pam reported that Denise said that she has two or three consistent attendees at the bi-monthly meetings. She indicated that she expects that attendance may wane somewhat during the summer months.

PRADA: Mark reported that the PRADA sponsored Mental Health 1st Aid training had 13-15 attendees. The next coalition meeting will be Thursday, April 13th at 6pm at the PHS Media Center.

AMT Counseling: Owner Marcie Clark reported that three counselors hold appointments at the WCHC office on Monday, Thursday & Saturday. They are booked to capacity and will be adding another counselor. They gained 4 new clients in both January and February, 5 in March, and 6 so far in April.

Fishing for a Cure: Pegg reported that 62 boats have registered and that there is room for 100. The cost per boat is \$150 for a two-person team. The Casting Comets are going to check boats

at the event on June 3rd. Exelon will be selling shirts during the outage. She reported that about \$20,000 has been raised so far to benefit the BAHCC.

Project Coordinator Updates:

Member Education - Pete distributed the following CADCA articles: “

“How Online Alcohol Ads Uniquely Impact Adolescents”

“China Carfentanil Ban a ‘Game-Changer’ for Opioid Epidemic”

“Coalitions in Action: Page Alliance for Community Action Makes Prescription Drug Prevention ‘Invincible’”

Parent & Youth Communication Campaign/PRADA Banners - Pete displayed the new horizontal and double-sided vertical “Be Their Guide. Don’t Provide” and “What’s Your Legacy?” banners to be used in conjunction with the campaigns. PRADA banners were also displayed and presented to PRADA President Mark Kovar.

Potential Opportunity Announcement - Pete reported that the coalition has been offered the opportunity to purchase the Braidwood Masonic Lodge Building on Main Street, and showed slides of the building’s exterior and interior. He and Chief Ficarello toured the building with Jim Hutton. Jim indicated to them that the purchase price would be around \$55,000 and that the Lodge may be willing to accept a partial down payment and monthly payments. Pete noted that Jim would prefer to have the building used by a community organization.

Break Out Session Results: Masonic Lodge Opportunity Brainstorming

1. If BAHCC was able to purchase this building what could the coalition use it for?

Members Responses:

- Meetings-3
 - A youth center-2
 - Counseling center-6
 - Lease to other agencies-1
 - Halfway House-2
 - Professional offices for Social workers
 - Community/Coalitions events (i.e. Lock-In’s for youth, movie night, RAD, trainings etc.)-4
 - A safe place to use for drug users waiting for placement other than BPD-5
2. What are some other ways it could be used (outside of normal coalition functions)

Members Responses:

- Partner/other organizations events-2
 - A safe place for the youth-2
 - Classes-2
 - Forums-1
 - Breakfast/Dinners-1
 - Partnership with other Mental Health facilities-2
3. How could we fund the purchase of the building?

Members Responses:

- Donations-2
 - Fundraising-6
 - Grants-4
 - Talking to local banks-1
 - Set up a “Go Fund Me” page-1
 - Business Owner-Tax write off-1
 - Robert Johnson Wood grant-1
 - Spaghetti Dinners-2
4. How do we fund repairs, upkeep, and the purchase of the building?

Members Responses:

- Retired Carpenters-1
 - Local Unions-1
 - Local Construction workers-2
 - Wilco Area career students-2
 - Volunteers-3
5. Who could we utilize to volunteer their services for building maintenance and improvements?

Member Responses:

- Community service students (high school or college)-
 - Reach out to church groups-
 - A community work day-5
 - Recovering addicts-1
 - Retired workers-2
 - City of Braidwood-4
6. Who should be involved in this project’s Steering Committee?

Member Response:

- Pete Dell’Aquila-1
- Tim Ricketts-2
- Nick Ficarello-1
- Pam Dell’Aquila-1
- Sandy Fletcher-1
- Janie Votta-1
- Mark Kovar-1
- Community buy-ins -4
- U.S Bank-1

Adjournment: Tim called for a motion to adjourn at 6:05 pm. Brian motioned. Nick 2nd. Motion carries.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 8, 2017, at 4:30 pm at the Braidwood Fire Department Training Room