

Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2009

Present: Tresa Watson (CENAPS), Lisa Hammond (BHER Group), Richard Lewis (City of Brooksville), Detective David Kortman, Deputy Rick Ruiz (HCSO), Jennifer Moore (HCSB), Lorinda Eldredge (HCSB-Sub), Captain Jim Walker (HCSO), Ricardo Jaquez (HCSB), Sandra Marrero (BayCare), Harry Hill (DJJ), Carlos Williamson, Anthony Pianlli (HCSO), Susan Vincent (Western Judicial), Deborah Gray (Devereaux), Janice Smith (HCSB), Noreen St. Jean (Devereaux), Kathleen Moore (USF FMHI), Scott Young (USF FMHI), Karen Gidden (DOH)

Gang Presentation

Detectives from the Hernando County Sheriff's Office conducted a training to raise awareness regarding Gangs and their activities in Hernando County.

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m. Upon Tresa's request, participants conducted introductions.

Richard Lewis presented a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Jennifer Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Youth Initiatives

- 1). Seven of the Chill Smart members and two adults attended the Under Age Drinking Prevention and Enforcement Training held in Dallas Texas from 8/12-8/15/09. The Sheriff's office sponsored the training. The youth stated they learned a great deal about what others are doing in different states to prevent and impede underage drinking. The youth are interested in social policy changes. Chill Smart members designed business cards advertising their group and distributed them throughout the conference
- 2). Chill Smart members participated in Operation Backpack on August 15th at the Jerome Brown Community Center. The event was well attended and all the literature brought was distributed. Mike walker was praised for organizing the event.
- 3) SWAT to host a conference in Orlando from September 11-13. Sandra and a Chill Smart member will represent the Coalition at the conference. SWAT chapters will be started in 4 middle schools and 2 high schools in Hernando County.. The state is looking to implement guidelines across the counties regarding SWAT. Lisa attended a conference call where SWAT complimented HCCADC. Furthermore, they stated they are eager to see how Hernando County implements the guidelines for SWAT.
- 4.) Chill Smart presented a skit on "Choices regarding underage drinking and teen pregnancy" at the teen Life Rally on August 22, 2009. It was the first skit the youth performed. Sandra praised the students for creating and directing a very successful skit.
- 5.) Kiwanis Kids Day to be held at Tom Varn Park on September 12 from 10-2 pm. Volunteers are welcome.

6.) Hernando Youth Initiative to host the second annual Youth Summit at the Hernando Realtors Association building on September 29, 2009 from 9-5 pm. There will be presentations in the morning and break out sessions in the afternoon to begin working groups on one of the five key topics being addressed.

Evaluators Report

Scott young, PhD summarized the report on Tobacco Survey re: Smoking Practices. He explained there were incentives for completing surveys. Karen noted the findings were concentrated in Brooksville area. It was noted that participants attending the events where the surveys were conducted arguable could be more "health conscious" Noreen St Jean, who is working specifically in zip code 34606 requested such a survey take place with attendees of the skate park. Scott added future studies could also look at including private versus public schools. Scott can add or update questions on the report if requested.

Scott presented on the Hernando County Environmental Tobacco Assessment. Kathleen explained the report can be quantified. Tresa commented the state is now clearer about what they are looking for in this type of assessment. Lisa stated the next survey will be conducted to include specific indicators to have a platform to pursue policy changes. It was suggested the surveys be conducted where youth hang out instead of in the general are. Lisa explained the next survey will be within one mile radius of the schools. Janice commented on ads disproportionately targeting the African American population. Kathleen Moore, PhD. summarized a draft of the Indicator Report. Lisa has more data to add to it. Trends can be shown and the report will be put into a power point presentation, so that members can use portions as needed. Members made recommendations and asked for clarification throughout the report. It was decided Martin County may be a better county to compare Hernando to, instead of Citrus. The demographics will be evaluated. Captain Walker will gather and share mortality rates with the evaluator. The annual report draft will be presented at the November meeting of the Coalition. During that meeting the agenda will include ½ hour to devote to the report. HCCADC is looking for final report to be completed by January 2010.

Networking

Sandra asked if it would be possible to call parents of students with a recorded message reminding them to lock up their medicines. The reverse calling system of the HCSO could not be used, but Janice will inquire whether it is possible throught the school board system.

Sandra announced invitations for future HCCADC meetings were available and encouraged members to personally invite someone to the next HCCADC Meeting..

Richard made a motion to adjourn, Ricardo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 5:13pm

Preparer:

Sandra Marrero

HCCADC Secretary

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