



Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2009

Present: Tresa Watson (CENAPS), Lisa Hammond (BHER Group), Richard Lewis (City of Brooksville), Karen Gidden (HCHD), Chrissie Parris (Baycare Behavioral Health), Sandra Marrero (Baycare Behavioral Health), Cindy Spano (EYA), Ricardo Jaquez (HCSB), Jennifer Moore (HCSB), Jim Walker (HCSO), Kristy Thomas (Baycare Behavioral Health), Therese Romls (YMCA School Age), Kathleen Moore (FMHI), Scott Young (FMHI)

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Members introduced themselves

Kathleen Moore, PhD and Scott Young, PhD. of the University of South Florida's Institute of Mental Health explained their roles as the evaluators hired by the coalition and described their activities under the grant. Kathleen explained and distributed a draft indicator report. Kathleen commented on the tables within the draft as well as possibilities that can be added to the report that are Hernando County specific. She collected feedback from the coalition members in regards to data they would like to see included. Lisa will contact the Brooksville Police Department to inquire whether the agency collects similar data to that of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office. Kathleen will add a Prescription Drug to table 6 (30 day use) as well as attempt to obtain data from school incident reports. Treatment data would be helpful, but has been difficult to obtain. Kristy will inquire about obtaining the data. Kathleen reiterated that the coalition can decide what information is relevant to have in their incident report. The coalition needs to decide what they will utilize the information for. Information is due September 30, 2009. Tresa proposed taking time from each coalition meeting to discuss what to include in the incident report. A suggestion was made to look at the medical examiners data for youth deaths, and to decide which county Hernando County would best be compared to. A target date of June 2009 was set. The upcoming agenda's for the coalition will include the Incident report as a discussion point. Scott Young, Ph.D. completed an evaluation of a recent event the coalition participated in. He evaluated the "World's Greatest Baby Shower" event. Scott distributed and explained the outcomes to the members present. Overall the event had a successful outcome. Attached please find the report.

Lisa motioned to approve minutes of February 25, 2009 meeting. Richard seconded the motion. Motion carried and minutes approved.

Youth Initiative

Tresa gave an update of youth activities.

- 1). Chill Smart continues to meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month. Currently the group is using the Too Good For Drugs Curriculum.
- 2.) Tresa plans on chaperoning 3 high school students who will participate in the upcoming S.W.A.T. meet, on April 4 and 5th in Ellington.
- 3.) The Youth Summit held at Powell Middle School was successful. The administration had concerns regarding the use of sex in a discussion from Strength of The Young,, despite the message being about abstinence. They are ready to use the inclusion lessons during their micro society classes. An Outreach & Prevention staff member will train the trainer at Powell.
- 4.). A review was conducted of the Hernando County School smoking policy, with the assistance of Ricardo Jaquez and Janice Smith. It was determined that Hernando County School Board has a zero tolerance for students smoking. As part of the tobacco grant, youth have to participate in an environmental awareness assessment. Tresa plans on taking youth to various locations to survey and complete an assessment of the environment. Ricardo may be able to complete surveys with the students in his class. The deadline for the surveys is March 31, 2009.
- 5.) The Doris J Bedell Art Contest continues under way. The art is currently being judged and will be transported to City Hall for the reception once the winners are chosen. The reception will be held at City hall on Wednesday, April, 22, 2009 from 5-7pm. Clear Channel has confirmed the use of the same billboards currently being occupied with last year's winners.
- 6.) Battle of the Bands was held on March 14th. Most of the bands ended up being Christian Rock bands. The prizes sponsored by the coalition were \$250, \$500, and \$750. The event will take place from 4-8pm at the Bandshell in Brooksville.

Fundraising Committee

Nothing to report at this time.

Grant Update

Lisa reported there are currently four grants in progress.

- 1). The Florida Office of Drug Control is a one year grant based on Too Good For Drugs Curriculum. The curriculum is currently being taught at Shiloh, Fox Chapel, New Beginnings, Chill Small, Starr and DJJ group. The grant ends September 30, 2009. However, there is a reissue in July 2009.
- 2). SARG. The Coalition has had their logic model approved. It was revised, however it still focuses on decreasing underage drinking in high school students. The coalition wants to focus on Hernando High and Parrott middle school with Too Good For Drugs. They would like to track the data to other high school and feeder schools to see changes. In addition, the coalition will look into a "Social Host Ordinance" as a long term goal and the use of the Parenting Wisely Curriculum.
- 3.) The Tobacco Grant I, ends on June 30th . The Tobacco Grant II has begun. There is an activity at Silverthorne to discuss the Physicians Reminder Program. The guest speaker will be Former Secretary General, Joyce Elders. The grant is also focusing on the Tobacco Free Worksites. There are 2 worksites that have begun the steps. They may start with "Breathe Easy Zones". The coalition will reapply April 7th. The work for

this grant will have to be completed in four months, although they do not have to be implemented until January 1, 2010

4) Drug Free Communities Grant: There is a technical training on April 14-20, 2009. Tresa & Lisa will attend. They have submitted the continuation report. Furthermore the coalition had to contract with outside evaluators to evaluate the outcomes and effectiveness of the coalition.

Networking

In the interest of time the coalition voted to postpone the networking section of the meeting. Nevertheless, Captain Jim Walker did give a brief update on the Gang Committee. He explained the HCSO participated in a gang roundup. Five arrests were made from the round up. In addition, Captain Walker stated Captain Maurer is still looking for participants to join the Prevention/Intervention Team of the Gang Reduction Strategic Taskforce. He encouraged members to join the effort and explained their input will have an impact on the region.

Richard presented a motion to close and Ricardo seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 5:00 pm.

Preparer:

Sandra Marrero, MSM