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**Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 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), Harry Hill (DJJ), Lorinda Eldredge (HCSB), Cindy Spano (EYA), Tanya Steele (EYA), Ricardo Jaquez (HCSB), Jennifer Moore (HCSB)

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

Members introduced themselves

Richard motioned to approve minutes of January 2009 meeting. Lorinda seconded the motion. Motion carried and minutes approved. Sandra asked members to please print out a copy of meeting minutes and agenda to bring to each meeting, in an effort to reduce paper waste.

**Youth Initiative**

Tresa gave an update of youth activities.

- 1.) Chill Smart continues to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Currently the group is using the Too Good For Drugs Curriculum.
- 2.) The youth group participated in the "Worlds Greatest Baby Shower" event, on February 18, 2009, It was a successful community event.
- 3.) A small group of representatives presented for the Health Department's program "Workplace Wellness". It went well
- 4.) Tresa & Chrissie presented to administration at Powell Middle School to propose a youth summit there. It was accepted and Strength of the Young will tentatively present at Powell in the gymnasium on March 20, 2009. As a follow up, the school requested micro lessons. The Coalition will use the infusion lessons from Too Good For Drugs.
- 5.) The Doris J Bedell Art Contest is under way. Submissions are believed to be close to 300. The majority of the entries are from middle schools. Some focus on tobacco prevention others on drug prevention. There will be two chosen for tobacco prevention and 2 chosen for drug prevention. Chrissie announced needing judges. The reception will be held at City hall on Wednesday, April, 22, 2009 from 5-7pm.
- 6.) Battle of the Bands will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Ricardo announced that Hernando High does not have a band. He spoke to the music director and asked them to contact Lisa. Lisa explained equipment is needed. Richard suggested contacting Bob at WWJD radio station in order to recruit bands. Richard will call Tony Covell. The prizes are

\$250, \$500, and \$750. The event will take place from 4-8pm at the Bandshell in Brooksville.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Sandra suggested that next year the art work from the art contest be sold as a fundraising activity. A release may need to be signed by participants to release the art work for sale, but that can be accomplished at commencement of the art contest. The members present agreed to pursue the sale of the art next year as a fundraiser.

### **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 School Board has hired the person partially funded through this grant. Jennifer Moore has joined the SDFS team.
- 3). SARG. The Coalition has agreed to continue with SARG after reporting last month that the grant had been terminated. Working with SARG will assist community partners to pursue the Partnership Prevention Grant. The logic model will be submitted tonight and is based on underage drinking in high school ages 15-17, but the interventions include both middle and high school. Lisa explained the resource capacity plan will take about two days and will be the next document to submit once the logic model is approved.
- 4.) Sheriff's Money. Lisa distributed a cost breakdown of the request made to the Sheriff's office for funding from their drug confiscated monies. A vote was taken to approve the total fund request for the projects in the amount of \$25,778. Richard made a motion to approve and Karen seconded the motion. Vote carried.
- 5.) Drug Free Communities Grant has a deliverable due for renewal. The report will be submitted on Monday.
- 6.) The tobacco Grant is going very well. Lisa announced the coalition was recently awarded a "Chronic Disease Grant". There was only one coalition to be awarded this grant. The projects are aggressive but a good. The main goal is to establish a workplace initiative. The coalition will identify worksites that want to go smoke free. The second step is to get employees to the resources that will assist them to quit. The third step is the physician reminders. Research has shown people quit more if a doctor personally discusses quitting with the patient. A reminder program gives the doctor a sticker to place on the patient's chart that serves as a tickler system to bring up the conversation about quitting with this patient. The project enlists physicians in this county. There will be a lunch and learn with a guest speaker to inform them of the project. Karen explained that becoming a tobacco free workplace can be done in different levels. Some companies go completely free, while others have "breathe easy zones". 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. Richard asked if flyers or brochures can be given to doctors. Karen explained packets were created and mailed to 140 physicians. Some have faxed additional packet requests. Richard also suggested contacting Mike McHugh to put the word out to new businesses. Tresa explained the Sheriff has a smoke free policy for new employees. Jennifer Moore asked if CCA Hernando County Jail could be contacted, since they already are smoke free for the

employees. Karen states the newspaper wanted to put a column in the paper that highlighted companies that have gone tobacco free. Lisa asked what the smoking policy is for students. Ricardo explained there is a zero tolerance for smoking for students. Karen stated she spoke with Mrs. Robinson from Hernando high School's drop out prevention program who would like the teachers to be trained to teach tobacco prevention. AHEC (Area Health Education Center) is willing to go in and train the staff to teach the prevention. If it is successful, a pilot program will begin.

### **Networking**

The Harbor: Sandra announced the Veterans support group continues to be offered here. Also, she distributed flyer for Infant mental Health Training to be held on April 23, 2009 in Pasco. Finally, Sandra pursued referrals for Intensive Outpatient Program.

Eckerd Youth Alternatives: Tanya declared that EYA teaches Second Step curriculum at Moton Elementary school and Westside. They also run the Sheriff's summer program. EYA is a current provider of the Partnership Prevention Grant. They are looking to pursue the grant again. They understand the goals are different but EYA is willing to adapt to fit the goals into what they do

DJJ: Harry explained DJJ is currently under travel restrictions. He also forwarded an email link for a grants database. He asked Sandra to forward to the coalition members. He noted he is down one probation officer and is eager to obtain a follow up regarding the Too Good For Drugs DJJ class from Chrissie Parris.

City of Brooksville: Richard announced they are currently looking at the budget with the goal to preserve as many jobs as possible.

HCSB: Lorinda stated a professor by the name of Padilla from St. Leo's is interested in speaking regarding Gangs. He worked with gangs in Chicago. Lorinda will ask him to contact Lisa. Jennifer Moore from Safe & Drug Free Schools introduced herself and gave some background history of her experience. She will be conducting Anger Management and Substance Abuse classes.

Tresa announced that the coalition evaluators will be present at the next meeting. They are Scott and Kathleen.

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

Meeting ended at 5:04 pm.

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Preparer:

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Sandra Marrero, MSM