

**Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition**

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 24, 2009**

**Present:** Tresa Watson (CENAPS), Lisa Hammond (BHER Group), Richard Lewis (City of Brooksville), Pamela King (Value Options), Deputy Sabrina O'Banner (HCSO), Jennifer Moore (HCSB), Lorinda Eldredge (HCSB-Sub), Captain Jim Walker (HCSO), Ricardo Jaquez (HCSB), Sandra Marrero (BayCare)

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. Upon Tresa's request, participants conducted introductions.

Richard Lewis presented a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Lisa Hammond seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Alcohol and Youth Task Force**

Tresa and Sandra gave an update of youth activities.

- 1). Chill Smart continued its curriculum Too Good For Drugs curriculum. The group is also committed to putting together a skit for the teen pregnancy rally to be held on August 22, 2009 at Stage West on US19. The group is in the beginning stages of coordinating a skit to highlight the connection between substance use/abuse and teen pregnancy. The next few meetings will allow the teens to complete and practice the skit.
- 2). Tresa announced the Coalition will be hosting the second annual Summer Fest on Saturday, July 1, 2009. The event is scheduled for 4-8pm at the Band shell in Brooksville. Strength of the Young and BLAST are the groups scheduled to facilitate the event. Tresa handed out flyers and asked members to spread the word. Lisa stated she made an announcement at the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast meeting and on Focus Hernando.
- 3) Florida's task force for changing social norms regarding underage drinking is looking to fill a couple of slots for the Florida youth Delegation. Two of the Chill Smart members are part of the Delegation already. Those interested can contact Tresa or Sandra for contact information to apply.
- 4) Tresa announced the billboards for the Chill Smart art contest are all up.
- 5.) Tresa, Richard and Chrissie will collect surveys at the "1-Family @ A Time" 1-Man rally at Kennedy Park this weekend. Each person completing a survey will win a chance to win an IPOD. Tresa hopes to collect over one hundred surveys.

## **Fundraising Committee**

Richard announced money is tight right now for everyone and no fundraising initiatives to report. Captain Walker announced that Sweet Bay Supermarkets were very cooperative during the prescription drop off program. Richard will take note. Sandra suggested the Coalition consider having HCCADC logo put on re-usable bags at supermarket, since they are becoming more popular

## **Grant Update**

Lisa reported there are currently four grants in progress.

- 1). KCI grant was awarded. It pays for Shiloh's summer program (\$44K), which includes the facilities (Kennedy Park) and 2 overnight camps, and transportation. The Dawn Center will be teaching "Expect Respect" and Too Good For Drugs will also be facilitated to the target population.
- 2). The Florida Office of Drug Control is moving forward. The reapplication went in and the coalition should hear back by middle of August
- 3). The Tobacco Grants. The Tobacco Grant I, and tobacco II ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, tobacco III was awarded. That grant allows for a SWAT Coordinator. Jennifer Moore will serve as that Coordinator. She will be charged with recruiting a liaison as each school and oversee the SWAT activities therein.

### 4). SARG

The community action plan was submitted. The state offered Lisa a phone call to approve. Lisa told them to call other coalitions first, since the deadline for the grant was approaching and BayCare was no longer going to pursue the PPG, due to the action plan not being approved. There are minor revisions to be completed to the action plan. Lisa will make the minor edits.

5.) Lisa announced that Governor Charlie Christ did sign the Prescription Monitor Bill. He is now putting together a task force to design how everything will be rolled out. Lisa recommended Captain Walker apply for the task force.

6.) Lisa gave a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce members regarding the Hernando youth Initiative. The upcoming Summit for youth will be held on September 29, 2009 at the Realtors Association.

7). The state asked the coalition to conduct alcohol surveys. Lisa chose 2 areas to survey. The purpose was to count alcohol advertising. Lisa chose the two areas based on the concentration of liquor licenses awarded. One area went well. The other area did not go well. Tresa reported there were locations they were thrown out of. At another location, people tried to confiscate their clip boards. This survey was considered an alcohol environmental survey. The results will go to DCF. In addition, the results will be given to our evaluators to include in the Incident Report.

## **Operation RX**

Captain Walker reported Operation RX went well. There was some feedback regarding making parking more user friendly will be taken into consideration. The first operation collected approximately 4 bins of prescriptions while the second collected close to three. The landfill will continue to collect prescriptions to discard. Information regarding where

they are collected may be put on the utilities website. Richard suggested future drop-off events be printed and announced on customer utility bills.

Captain Walker shared flyer and DVD regarding "Pill Party" Commercial. One can log onto the Sheriff's website to view the commercials.. In addition, Captain Walker discussed innovative approach to investigating who gave drugs to person who may have overdosed. Three cases were made where individuals were charged with murder, for their part in the death of an overdose. Captain Walker requested a contact for Oak Hill Hospital. Richard recommended contacting Debbie Druzback. Lisa will contact Elizabeth Callaghan for possible contact information at oak Hill Hospital.

### **Networking**

Sandra announced an Autism Support Group for Parents that is free and held at the Harbor on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

In addition, Sandra announced a support group for Veterans and their families is seeking participants. That group also meets at the Harbor on Thursday evenings.

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

Meeting ended at 4:45pm

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Preparer:

Sandra Marrero

HCCADC Secretary

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