

**Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 27, 2009**

**Present:** Tresa Watson (CENAPS), Lisa Hammond (BHER Group), Richard Lewis (City of Brooksville), Karen Gidden (HCHD), Chrissie Parris (The Harbor), Kristi Krug (Value Options), Deputy Deborah Miles (HCSO)

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. Upon Tresa's request, participants conducted introductions.

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

**Alcohol and Youth Task Force**

Tresa gave an update of youth activities.

1). Chill Smart continued its curriculum Too Good For Drugs curriculum. The Chill Smart group is included in the fidelity numbers for the Drop Out Grant. Tresa reported they have 3 new members.

2). Chill Smart participated in the Neighborhood Health Fair on May 16, 2009 at Kennedy Park. It was not well attended. The focus was African American adult with Chronic Diseases from tobacco usage. Alex Meyer, Nika Gorski, Charlie Watson, Madison Jones, and Garrett Jones all did tobacco focuses demonstrations. Charlie and Alex headed up the age progression software, and it made an impact on the folks who saw their pictures with years of cigarette and tobacco use. Tresa and Lisa took as many surveys as possible.

Due to the low attendance at the Neighborhood Health Fair, Pastor Clarence Clark invited the HCCADC youth and coalition to exhibit and distributes surveys to his "Iron Man" contest on June 27, 2009. Last year there were over 300 African Americans in attendance. Chrissie Parris and Richard Lewis volunteered to help Tresa with the surveys and exhibit – HCCADC will be displaying the Tobacco Free Florida Banner, giving out Quit line mints, nicotine samples, stickers, t-shirts, skins, ect. Tresa requested volunteers for anyone willing to help and participate.

3). The two Hernando Delegates of the Florida Youth Delegation reported a meet up is scheduled for June 25-27, 2009 and Nicole Noriega, Nick Roberts and Madison Jones were also invited.

4) Tresa announced the youth participating in the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center conference August 13 – 14, 2009 in Dallas.

5) Tresa announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Summerfest is confirmed for July 11, 2009 at the Brooksville band shell. We are hoping to double our last year's attendance of 400+.

6). Chrissie announced the status of the Art Contest. The certificates will be distributed May 28, 2009 and this will conclude the contest for this year. Chrissie hopes to get everything schedule right at the start of school for next year.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Richard announced money is tight right now for everyone and no fundraising initiatives to report. There was an extensive discussion on what we could do to help the Sheriff get his budget passes and how to sustain the current bleak economic conditions.

### **Grant Update**

Lisa reported there are currently four grants in progress.

1). The Drug Free Communities Grant: The site visit with Project Officer Fred Volpe went well. He was very pleased with all the Hernando work and logic model Tresa reported Fred was surprised of the impressive attendance for his think tank meeting. Tresa and Lisa will complete their final technical training July 27-30, 2009 in Louisville Kentucky.

2). The Florida Office of Drug Control is moving forward. HCCADC will partner with Shiloh Problem Solvers to put another 100 youth through the Too Good For Drugs curriculum this summer. Chrissie Parrish will be the facilitator. TGFDF renewal is due June 15, 2009, Lisa stated the application is underway.

3). The Tobacco Grants. The Tobacco Grant I, ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the renewal application has been submitted and awards will be posted at the Florida Department of health Website on June 2, 2009 . The Tobacco Grant II is continuing. Karen and the team are now focused on the Tobacco Free Worksites and implementing the referral system. The work for this grant will be completed by June 30, 2009. There was an extensive conversation about smoking on school premises by staff and students and what we could do to help reduce incidence, in light of the fact there is a zero tolerance policy in place.

4). SARG

The logic model for SARG has been approved. The Resource Assessment and Community Action Plan have been submitted for approval. The Harbor will be writing the grant for the Prevention Partnership Grant with the school district and coalition.

### **Networking**

We continued our discussion on what we can do to help anyone in this economic climate, the status of Hernando County Government, City of Brooksville, on how there may be funding mechanism through taxing bodies – sales tax, alcohol, cigarette, to provide the municipalities with funds to help cover shortfalls.

Meeting ended at 5:10 pm. Richard Lewis made the motion to close the meeting. Deputy Miles seconded. Motion carried.

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Preparer: Tresa Watson for Sandra Marrero – 5/29/08