

Hernando County Community Anti-Drug Coalition

Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2009

Present: Tresa Watson (CENAPS), Lisa Hammond (BHER Group), Richard Lewis (City of Brooksville), Jennifer Moore (HCSB), Lorinda Eldredge (HCSB-Sub), Sandra Marrero (BayCare), Shannon Cole (DJJ), Pilar Poligo, (DCF) Deputy Shane Landgraff (HCSO), Karen Gidden (DOH), Roberto Quiroz (YFA), Erin Singerman (DOH), Nicole Noriega (Chill Smart), Amy Tousignant (Chill Smart), Nick Roberts (Chill Smart), Noreen St. Jean(Devereaux),

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

Correction in August Minutes: SWAT Chapters will be held in 4 High schools and 2 Middle schools.

Richard Lewis presented a motion to approve the August Minutes, with the correction, Lorinda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Youth Initiatives

Youth Summit

1. Lisa gave an overview of the 2nd Annual Hernando Youth Summit. Over 100 participants attended. They addressed 5 key topics. The charges for the year were presented. There was a lot of information disseminated. Our group will work on policy changes. The goal is to solve some of the issues with youth now, so they can be successful post graduation.

SWAT

2.) Sandra and Isaiah attended the SWAT conference in Orlando from September 11-13, 2009. Sandra presented an overview of the topics discussed during the conference. There was an adult track and a youth track. Furthermore, the statewide Youth Advisory board was voted in. Regional breakout sessions allowed for greater detail regarding what has been accomplished to date and future planning. Booklets were given to the youth that attended that provide a quick overview of SWAT philosophy as well as critical information for youth to have regarding "Big Tobacco". Sandra stated booklets were ordered to provide our youth these booklets.

Kiwanis Kids Day

3.) Due to inclement weather, the event had to be canceled.

Bluesapalooza

4.) Chill Smart youth hosted a table at the Bluesapalooza event on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Overall the event was not well attended and it was too hot for the youth. Perhaps next year the youth could work in the late afternoon or evening, when the sun is not too hot and more attendees are present.

Lowes Safety Day

5.) The Chill Smart youth were invited and participated in the Lowes Day of Safety. They gave out health information and used the smoking software. It demonstrates age progression from smoking. It was a successful event.

Chill Smart

6.) The youth voted on which of the tobacco plan projects they were most interested in tackling. They voted on "tobacco free campus" first and the restriction of candy flavored tobacco next. Sandra will give the youth information shared with others from the SWAT conference.

Richard asked if the coalition could write a letter to the school board explaining the concern of the Chill Smart youth, regarding faculty being able to smoke on campus, in spite of having a zero smoking policy, since they may not be aware of the infractions. A discussion ensued regarding the topic.

The Great American Smoke Out is November 19, 2009. the youth want to have another event. Lisa explained the campaign used last year. T-shirts were created and posted for drivers to see "4 Floridians die every hour due to tobacco". In addition, the youth handed out bracelets and mints at different, busy intersections. Finally, they went to the Kids versus Cops football game, where Deputy Landgraff put a gorilla suit on the had a tobacco free message on it's t-shirt. Members questioned whether this will be the same campaign used this year.

Fundraising

Richard has nothing to report at this time.

Grants

Too Good For Drugs: Wraps up today. This grant is closing out

Drug Free Communities: Year one closes today, it is renewal, therefore we move into year 2.

Tobacco Grant: First quarter ends today

Second Chance Grant, regarding local mentoring, is in review status, and therefore is currently pending.

SARG: The alcohol environment and scan are due today. There have been some challenges with this grant.

Networking

City of Brooksville: The Good Neighbor Trail will host its grand opening on October 10, 2009 from 10-3pm. HCCADC was invited to participate. Jeannie Griffin Moore is the contact for more information at 540-3810.

DOH: Karen explained that Zimmerman Group created a media campaign for them to use as inserts to driver registration mailings. Furthermore, the inserts will be available to give out at the DMV. The message has a child in a car seat. The campaign urges people to not smoke in a car with a child.

DOH will be hosting its annual Health Fair on October 17, 2009 from 10-2pm. Flu Shots will be available and it will be held at the Elks Lodge on SR 50. In addition, there will be lots of different screening tests done. Entertainment will also be available

Baycare: Sandra announced that Baycare has some slots for uninsured youth with substance abuse issues available. Please contact Jim Striegel or Sandra Marrero at Baycare for more information. Also, Sandra reminded the members that Baycare offers a free support group for parents and caregivers of autistic children. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at Baycare.

Devereax Kids: Noreen explained her role is to facilitate connections in the community of 34606. She does a lot of work at Skewy Skate Park and trying to bring resources to that area. She will bring newsletter created to the Fox Chapel Middle School Yard Sale. If anyone is interested in learning more, Noreen offered to do a service presentation.

SWAT: Erin Singerman- regional SWAT Coordinator thanked everyone for their work and encouraged the group to keep the youth engaged.

Lorinda: announced NAMI is hosting an event titled "Recognizing Early Signs of Mental Illness". It will be held in Orlando, but the details are not finalized, therefore they will be forthcoming. For more information you can visit www.namifl.org.

SDFS: Jennifer Moore is the SWAT Coordinator and explained all but one school has a representative. Erin offered to assist Jennifer in gathering information and resources needed to start SWAT successfully.

HCSO: Deputy Landgraaf explained the DARE program was cut. Also the Sheriff's substations will be closed.

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, Pilar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 4:40pm

Sandra Marrero

Preparer:

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HCCADC Secretary

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