

MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002

Roll Call

Chairman Wally Schaedel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Human Service Center.

Present: James Bigam (Commissioners' Representative), Sharon Danko (Medical Society Representative), Wally Schaedel (Medina City Representative), Kent Patterson (Police Chiefs' Representative), William Koran (Schools' Representative), Lawrence Hering (Villages' Representative), Cliff Nowak (Brunswick City Alternate Representative), Paul Williams (Commissioners' Alternate Representative), and Julie Reeves (Medical Society Alternate Representative).

Absent: Emil Stecki (Brunswick City Representative), Jeffrey Vogel (Townships' Representative), Rick Schmidt (Police Chiefs' Alternate Representative), and Bill Young (Wadsworth City).

Also Present: MCDAC Executive Director Kathy Yuzwa

Approval of Minutes – March

Mr. Schaedel requested that another “that” be added to the fourth line of the second paragraph on page 4 of the March 4th minutes. Mr. Koran moved to approve the minutes with the addition and Mr. Nowak seconded. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the minutes were approved.

New Business

Introduction of New Board Member Dr. Julie Reeves

Everyone introduced themselves to Dr. Julie Reeves who is a family physician practicing medicine and living in the City of Medina. She moved here from North Carolina in 1999 upon the recommendations from many students from Northeast Ohio that were in her residency program. Ms. Danko recruited Dr. Reeves to be her alternate representative for the Medical Society.

City of Wadsworth Board Member Resignation & Recommendation

Mr. Schaedel said that they were recently notified that Roy Hogan would no longer be a member of the MCDAC Board. Ms. Yuzwa said Mayor Caeser Carrino sent a letter of recommendation for Ralph Copley to be the Wadsworth City Representative. She will take a resolution to the Commissioners for approval next week.

Other Board Member Business

Ms. Yuzwa said that Bill Young, the Wadsworth City Alternate Representative indicated that he was unable to attend MCDAC meetings. She will keep trying to contact him to see if he wants to continue on the Board or if he needs a replacement.

Cliff Nowak announced that Emil Stecki is resigning as the Brunswick City Representative on the MCDAC Board for personal reasons. The Mayor is out of town so the new recommendations will be delayed. Brunswick will be recommending Mr. Nowak as their representative and Bucky Shuster as his alternate. They might switch positions later on when Mr. Shuster gets experienced on the Board. This information has not been officially received by MCDAC.

Share Cluster Breakfast – May 17th, 2002

Mr. Schaedel said the Share Cluster is having a recognition day for teenage students that have exemplified care and concern and outstanding behavior. Each district recognizes two students. It will be held at Williams on the Lake at 8:30 a.m. Invitations will be mailed.

Senior Day May 21st at Career Center

The Office for Older Adults has offered to let MCDAC have brochures on their booth at Senior Day.

Old Business & Executive Director Report

Home and Flower Show

Ms. Yuzwa said that the Home and Flower Show March 15 – 17 went very well.

MCDAC Agency Brochure

Ms. Yuzwa passed around the updated informational Drug Abuse Commission brochure. They handed them out at the Home and Flower Show. There was a short discussion about filling the empty board members' alternates seats.

MCDAC Commission Retreat (September 21st or November 9th)

September 21st and November 9th are the two Saturday dates that the facilitators and the Medina General Hospital Conference Room are available. After some discussion the Board chose November 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the date of the retreat.

Drug Free Work Place (DFWP) & Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS)

Paul Williams reported that he, Kathy Yuzwa, John Stricker, County Administrator, John Gotheridge, DFWP Chairperson, and Tom Miller from the Sheriff's Department met with Brad Williams, the new Executive Director of ADDS. ADDS has agreed to a partnership with the DFWP, which will enable the DFWP to use ADDS' 501C3 tax-exempt status. Mr. Williams has agreed to put part of the grant together with the history and budget.

Ms. Yuzwa added that the DFWP is going to write and submit a grant through MCDAC's grant process. They will put into the grant that ADDS will supply some administrative support such as mailings and taking minutes for the meetings. ADDS will be the "umbrella" agency and the fiscal agency. Brad Williams sees it as a favorable partnership for ADDS as well. He will serve on the committee.

DFWP Mailing & Manuals

The DFWP mailing will be going out soon per Ms. Yuzwa. Mr. Williams contracted with the Medina County Print Shop to print the manuals. The Print Shop had the master copy and they printed 30 copies. Paul spoke about some of the benefits of the program such as a cost savings of \$4 to \$17 for every dollar spent on the program, a legally approved manual, greatly decreased possibility of losing a lawsuit, less crime, and higher productivity. There are two school systems that are considering the program for their staff. He said that this sends the good message to the students. The impetus for the program is building.

There was a short discussion about the impact of the DFWP program on union employees. Mr. Hering said he was pleased with the progress that the program has made. Cleveland union shops used to be advised not to acknowledge that there were drug abuse problems. It was easier to fire an employee because they were not doing their job properly, which did not address the issue and would not get help for the individual. Mr. Koran said that there are long term negotiated union agreements and this would be a change in working conditions that would have to be fed into that. They would have to have good knowledge of it and disseminate it before they get into contract renewals.

MCDAC Grants - Due April 22nd - MCDAC Board Members to Pick Up Packets April 23rd for Individual Review - May 6th MCDAC Board Meeting - 1st Review of Grant Requests

Ms. Yuzwa has received 19 requests for grant packets to date. About five of these are new ones. The last date to submit a grant is April 22nd. She will pass the packets out to those who attend the Family First Council meeting on April 23rd and others can pick them up. This should give everyone time to review them before the next meeting on May 6th. They should make notes for anything that they need clarified or they have questions on. After they look them over they may decide just to have the new applicants come in and/or those that they have specific questions for.

Schedule 2 Additional Meetings Before May 23rd for the Grant Review Process

The Board decided to set two dates – Monday, May 20th and Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. - to get together to discuss the grants if needed. Ms. Yuzwa will then take the recommendations of the Board back to the Commissioners for approval.

Mr. Koran asked if they put dollar per hour maximum amounts in with the specifications to prevent the same provider from charging two different amounts. Ms. Yuzwa said they could not get solid information. She, John Stricker, the County Administrator, and Chris Jakab, the Finance Director tried to figure out the ranges and it did not work out because there is no cap on how much they will fund and there is such a huge spectrum of funding - from \$8,000 to \$300,000. What they came up with was a 25% maximum of requested funds from MCDAC to be applied to administrative costs, and 100% or less totally applied to programs. This would place more MCDAC funds going into actual programming of the substance use and abuse related area. They gave a very brief description of administrative costs - those that do not directly provide a service to the identified target population or project. Program costs are defined as those that provide a direct service to the identified target population and/or project. The progress reports that the grantees will fill out this year will itemize “per hour” or “per unit” rates that can assist them in the future to have more specific requirements.

**“Parents Who Host – Lose the Most” Update – Meeting Set April 8th
April 23rd & May 7th (Information Hand Out)**

Ms. Yuzwa passed around the program’s brochure. They had 6,000 printed for the schools’ Senior and Graduation packets, county workers’ paychecks, Family First Council, Youth Violence Task Force, FACT, and other organizations. There will be two free seminars held at the Human Services Center. Sharon Danko arrived during this discussion.

Crisis Intervention Training

Ms. Yuzwa asked Mr. Koran to tell the Board about upcoming Crisis Intervention Training that she received e-mail about. He said that Gail White from Buckeye High School approached him a couple of weeks ago about some seminars she attended on Crisis Intervention Training in the schools. She thought they were extremely valuable and expressed interest in bringing the same speakers to Medina County to do some intensive training for our schools’ crisis intervention trainers. He gave approval and offered his office to serve as the liaison in putting the program together. It will be held in the fall and it is probably going to cost \$50 to \$75 per person. It would include a light Continental breakfast, lunch, and all the necessary materials. The location will probably be Rustic Hills Country Club. They expect an audience of about 75 to 100 people. He said that Gail White is part of the Crisis Intervention team of guidance counselors and psychologists that go to a school when a tragedy occurs. Ms. Yuzwa said that interested MCDAC Board members could attend.

Youth Violence Task Force

Ms. Yuzwa reported that the Youth Violence Task Force met on March 21st and they nominated Nick Solar from Brunswick as the YVTF Chairperson. She nominated Garland Brown from the Juvenile Detention Center as Co-Chair. The election will be held next month. At this meeting she learned that there are still fights and assaults countywide in the schools; alcohol and drug use by teens remains a huge concern; thefts of items in cars are occurring in student parking lots; there have been many student expulsion hearings recently; a canine drug search took place at Medina High School; hypodermic needles were found on Brunswick High School premises causing concern; students and athletes are taking vitamin and hormone enhancements; and there have been many suicide attempts plus a recent suicide of a Cloverleaf student attending the JVS. Cloverleaf has had a difficult year this year so the staff is taking really good care of the students with counseling. The task force talked about the importance of the staff taking care of themselves as well. Someone suggested contacting Reverend McGuire from the Bereavement Center to counsel the staff and they will look into that.

Go Around

The Board had a discussion about drug related matters in their particular areas.

Next MCDAC Board Meeting will be May 6th, 2002 @ 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Vereb, Secretary
Wally Schaedel, Chair