

**MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002**

Roll Call

Chairman Wally Schaedel called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: James Bigam (Commissioners' Representative), Sharon Danko (Medical Society's Representative), Wally Schaedel (Medina City Representative), Kent Patterson (Police Chiefs' Representative), Jeffrey Vogel (Townships' Representative), Lawrence Hering (Villages' Representative), Ralph Copley (Wadsworth City Representative), Paul Williams (Commissioners' Alternate Representative), and Joe Lewandowski (Townships' Alternate Representative).

Absent: William Koran (Schools' Representative), Cliff Novak (Brunswick City Alternate Representative), Julie Reeves (Medical Society Alternate Representative), Rick Schmidt (Police Chiefs Alternate Representative), and Bill Young (Wadsworth City Alternate Representative).

Also Present: Commissioner Steve Hambley and MCDAC Executive Director Kathy Yuzwa.

Approval of Minutes – APRIL

Mr. Schaedel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes that were mailed out in advance. There were none. *Mr. Hering moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Williams seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All Board members voted AYE and the minutes were approved as written.*

New Business

Introduction of New Board Members Ralph Copley & Joe Lewandowski

Mr. Schaedel introduced and welcomed Ralph Copley and Joe Lewandowski to the MCDAC Board. Mr. Copley will be replacing Roy Hogan as the Wadsworth City Representative and Mr. Lewandowski will fill the vacancy as Township Alternate Representative. He asked them to tell a little bit about their background to the group. Mr. Bigam arrived at this time.

Mr. Copley has been a Wadsworth resident for 23 years where he lives with his wife and son. He said that he has been with the Wadsworth Fire Department for 21 years and has sat on the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Board since its inception in 1988.

Mr. Lewandowski resides in Liverpool Township. He retired after 26 years from the Cleveland Police Department and is currently Bailiff and Court Administrator for Judge Mary Ann Kovack's Domestic Relations Court.

MCDAC Grants – May 20th & 22nd – 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Yuzwa passed out and explained some additions to the grant request sheets for Highland High School and ADDS. She also provided a helpful tool for the Board members to personally evaluate and prioritize prior and new grantee applications before the meeting on Monday, May 20th.

Mr. Vogel provided statistics on approximately how many students are in each school district for the 2001 – 2002 school year from the Ohio Educational Directory as follows:

Highland	2,565
Brunswick	7,235
Medina	6,860
Cloverleaf	3,785
Wadsworth	4,342
Black River	1,580
Buckeye	2,459
Career Center	800

These figures might be helpful to the Board when figuring how much impact the programs have on the each school district with their dollars per student.

Old Business

Share Cluster Breakfast – May 17th, 2002

Ms. Danko reminded everyone to make reservations for the Share Cluster Breakfast at 8:15 a.m. on May 17th. She explained to the new Board members that Share Cluster is a MCDAC grantee that has prevention counselors and individuals from other community agencies who are part of the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco abuse. This is one of several programs they have throughout the year. The Share Cluster Breakfast is an annual event where they “shine” themselves to the community to let them know what they have been involved in. Two outstanding seniors have been chosen from each school that have been advocates for prevention of drugs and they honor them in the presence of their parents and other community dignitaries. It shows how MCDAC dollars are being used and gives the students an opportunity to be shining stars.

Senior Day – May 21st at the Career Center

Mr. Schaedel announced the annual Seniors Day on May 21st, which is very popular with the county’s senior citizens.

Parents Who Host – Lose the Most – April 23rd Community Presentation

Ms. Danko brought in all of the newspaper articles featuring the “Parents Who Host – Lose the Most” program that MCDAC wrote the grant for and for which they received money. It was a very valuable program but not very well attended. Unfortunately there were other programs the same evening such as the United Way Student Volunteer Recognition Dinner that might have drawn some of its key audience away.

Ms. Yuzwa said that with the other part of the grant money they sent out 155 placards to point of sale establishments for display at their cash registers. This reminds teens that buying alcohol is not something that they should be doing and heightens parents’ awareness. Stop-N-Go Foods has requested 20 more displays for their stores.

Omar Alemar – May 7th Community Presentation

Mr. Schaedel encouraged all the Board members to attend the Omar Alemar presentation tomorrow night to show their support. Omar Alemar is a Drug Enforcement Agent (DEA) from Miami, Florida so it should be very interesting.

MCDAC Grants Discussion

Mr. Schaedel said that grantees have requested \$505,972 more than what is available to grant this year so unfortunately some people will be disappointed. It is the Board's daunting task to figure out who gets what. There are some new grants and some added programs and additional employee requests from which to choose.

Last year's grants were \$83,816 to Brunswick Medway plus \$873,778 to 16 other grantees for a total of \$957,594 per Ms. Yuzwa. There is \$142,406 more this year from the levy to make changes with.

Mr. Schaedel and Mr. Hambley explained why Brunswick Medway was listed separately from the other grantees. When Medina County voters passed a levy to fund MCDAC countywide, Brunswick already had a drug prevention levy on the books. An agreement between former Medina County Auditor, Ferris Brown and Brunswick City Manger, Skip Trimble allocated 8.46% annually (the same proportion of funds as the ¼ mill Brunswick levy) of the collection proceeds to the City of Brunswick for the purpose of Medway. Brunswick agreed to accept 6.3% of what is raised from the .4 mill replacement reduction levy passed in November 2001. Medway does not have to submit a grant request or report to the MCDAC Board.

Ms. Yuzwa asked the group how they wanted to approach the task of reviewing the grant applications. After some discussion, they decided they would review the amounts from last year's grantees. They would review the six new applicants and identify which ones they wanted to fund. Any funds left over could additionally fund last year's grantees ongoing programs with new programs or employees and some suggestions were the Drug Task Force and Highland's programs. This would give them a starting point.

The focus for the six new grant applications was to target a new or extended populations and innovative programs. *Jeff Vogel made a motion to consider the new program applications first. Ralph Copley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion was carried.*

The next MCDAC Board meeting will be May 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Medina General Hospital in Conference Room #1. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Vereb