

**MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002**

Roll Call

Chair Wally Schaedel called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: James Bigam (Commissioners' Representative), Sharon Danko (Medical Society's Representative), Wally Schaedel (Medina City Representative), Kent Patterson (Police Chiefs' Representative), William Koran (Schools' Representative), Joe Destro (Brunswick City Representative), Ralph Copley (Wadsworth City Representative), Michael Jervis, (Village's Alternate Representative), and Ronald Likely (Wadsworth City Alternate Representative).

Absent: Jeffrey Vogel (Townships' Representative), Julie Reeves (Medical Society Alternate Representative), Joe Lewandowski (Townships' Alternate Representative), Lawrence Hering (Villages' Representative), and Cliff Novak (Brunswick City Alternate Representative).

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

Mr. Schaedel welcomed new Board member, Mike Jervis, who will be the Alternate Representative for the Villages. He asked him to tell a little bit about himself. Mr. Jervis said that he is retired from the Air Force and now works for First Energy. He is a deacon in the Catholic Church as well.

Mr. Schaedel also welcomed another new Board member, Ron Likely, who will be the Alternate Representative for the City of Wadsworth. Mr. Likely works for the Wadsworth Fire Department and is a trained Officer and Safety Officer. He was a Volunteer Fireman for 17 years before he became full time at the department.

Review & Approval of Minutes - September

Mr. Schaedel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of September 3, 2002 and there were none. Ralph Copley moved to approve the minutes and Will Koran seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

MCDAC Commission Retreat – November 9, 2002, Saturday

Ms. Yuzwa, MCDAC Executive Director, presented and reviewed the packet she provided the Board that outlined the retreat. She emphasized the importance of all the Board members attending it.

Red Ribbon Week – October 21 – 31st

Ms. Yuzwa asked for volunteers to write letters for the Red Ribbon informational piece in the Gazette. The Gazette wants to do the insert differently this year. Letters should be emailed to her by this Thursday.

DFWP – October 9, 2002 - ½ Day Seminar – Medina Hospital

Ms. Yuzwa pointed out the DFWP flyer that was mailed to MCDAC Board members about the seminar this Wednesday.

New Business

State Issue 1

Ms. Yuzwa made copies of the amendment for the Board to review and to make an informed decision at the election on November 5th. Issue 1 is broken down into the pros and cons with questions and answers.

Mr. Bigam said that Hope Taft was at the Medina Square on Friday to address a good size crowd about Issue 1. She said that basically, it is 3 or 4 billionaires that want to inflict their will on Ohio. It would be an amendment to Ohio's Constitution. He encouraged the group to take the time to read the two-page issue and sift some of the information out. In his opinion it is something that Ohio does not need and it would be very costly.

Mr. Koran added that no matter what the value of the philosophy of treatment versus incarceration – it is bad government and bad business to do it as an amendment. There would be no opportunity for any type of debate or opportunity to question words. Everything that is in legislation now would become secondary to funding drug treatment because it would be part of the Constitution.

Mr. Hambley said that Bill Batchelder was at the rally representing the state's Appellate Judges. He said that it was the first time in history that Judges came out against a state issue.

Executive Director Report

Health Department Grant – Ending Nicotine Dependency

Ms. Yuzwa said that the Health Department notified her that they are accepting the \$8,300 MCDAC grant award that the Board voted to give them at the last meeting. (An unusual situation with a withdrawn grant submission by Hands Across Medina County made these funds available for redistribution three months after the others).

They have four (4) conditions to the acceptance at this late date:

- 1.) The program will be developed as a pilot project to be offered at the two sites during the spring semester. Ms. Yuzwa said that they were originally going to be doing two components – one now (that is too late to do because they do not have time to coordinate it), and another one in the spring.
- 2.) The Health Department will fund the personnel for the development of the program.
- 3.) Teaching supplies and equipment purchased with MCDAC funds will be labeled with the MCDAC logo. The equipment will remain the property of MCDAC. Ms. Yuzwa said that this is standard practice with MCDAC's RFP's.
- 4.) Upon completion of the pilot session the program will remain the property of the Health Department. When other funding is obtained the end program will be marketed as a Health Department program without credit to MCDAC. Sharon Danko arrived at this time.

Ms. Yuzwa asked if anyone had any problems with the conditions. She added that if they do not expend all of the funds, MCDAC would get a refund. They would be expecting a refund since the Health Department is not doing both sessions.

Mr. Koran said he sees no problem with those conditions.

Mr. Hambley said that the MCDAC Board was held up several months because they did not hear from the grantee within a short period of time that they were going to decline the grant. That shows the need to establish specific guidelines that after a certain period they move on to the next grantee in line. Joe Destro arrived at this time.

Mr. Bigam moved to accept the conditions of the Health Department accepting the grant. Mr. Koran seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion carried.

2001-2002 Annual Grantee Reports

Ms. Yuzwa prepared annual reports from last year's grantees for each Board member for their review. She used a different color for each school so that they will provide an easy reference tool next year.

There has been \$20,208.55 in refunds from last year's grantees so far. Cloverleaf School District's coordinator was out for most of the year resulting in a return of \$18,384. Black River School returned \$1,815.37, and ShareCluster refunded \$9.18. She should have a complete list at the next meeting.

Summary of 2002-2003 Grantees – Publication

Each grantee was asked to revisit their summary and update it before it is used for publication in the Red Ribbon insert, web page, etc.

Commission Members – Go Around

NEXT MCDAC Commission Meeting November 4, 2002 @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Vereb, Secretary