

**MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2005**

Roll Call

Chair Will Koran called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: William Koran (School Districts' Representative), James Bigam (Commissioners' Representative), Cliff Nowak (Brunswick Alternate Representative), Kent Patterson (Police Chiefs' Representative), Wally Schaedel (Medina Alternate Representative), Laura Dean (Medina Representative), Joe Destro (Brunswick Representative), Ronald Likley (Wadsworth Alternate Representative), Jack Higgins (School Districts' Alternate Representative), and Joe Lewandowski (Townships' Alternate Representative)

Absent: Ralph Copley (Wadsworth Representative), Tom Acklin (Police Chiefs' Alternate Representative), Michael Jervis (Villages' Representative), Michael Maracz (Commissioners' Alternate Representative), Antony Kibogo (Commissioners' Alternate Representative), Jeff Vogel (Townships' Representative), and Susan Likovich (Commissioners' Representative)

Also present: Karl Cetina - MCDAC Executive Director and Commissioner Steve Hambley

Review & Approval of Minutes – October & November

The minutes were emailed to the Board in advance for review. *Cliff Novak made a motion to approve the October 2, 2005 minutes and Laura Dean seconded the motion. There were no additions or corrections. All voted AYE and the minutes were approved.*

Kent Patterson motioned to approve the November 6, 2005 minutes; seconded by Jim Bigam. Wally Schaedel asked to have the "final salary/benefit payoff" changed to something such as severance in the fourth paragraph of page 2 under grantee reimbursements. After a short discussion the group decided it should say, "final salary/benefit payout". With an amendment to the motion and the change, all voted AYE and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

Karl Cetina, MCDAC Executive Director, passed around the Board's contact information sheet for additions and corrections.

New Business

Discussion of recent MCDAC Levy Failure

Will commented that he agrees with Karl that the placement of the levy on the ballot certainly hurt it. It was the sixth issue listed and many people just kept voting no.

Steve Hambley passed out November 2005 MCDAC levy results from the Board of Elections that he broke up by jurisdictions. Results showed that the levy did well in the cities of Medina and Wadsworth. It did not do well in Brunswick where officials feel the message just did not get out. He feels they need to do an "old fashioned" campaign going door-to-door with literature and getting endorsements. Steve also provided the history of the MCDAC levy going back to 1992 and there was a short discussion about past levies and comparisons.

Ron Likley stated that Ralph Copley said he was concerned with how much involvement the schools have with campaigning for the MCDAC levy since 40% of their funds go to the schools.

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Will Koran, Superintendent of Medina County Schools, said Karl Cetina strongly suggested to the schools that every time they sent out information they needed to show that their anti-drug program was funded by MCDAC, but he is not sure if they did that or not.

Wally Schaedel said some schools picked up signs. He is disappointed in the MCDAC Board's levy support and also feels there were not enough funds to run an effective campaign. He feels they got what they deserved and others agreed.

Placing MCDAC on May Ballot

The group decided to try again: have a strategy meeting in January and "hit the ground running" in February with a group comprised of law enforcement, school, and treatment people to educate the voters that it is a MCDAC anti-drug levy. It was felt that many voters did not equate the levy with MCDAC.

Upon questioning, Steve said the primary is May 2nd. The filing deadline is February 16th but a recommendation to the Commissioners to take action would need to be made by the MCDAC Board well in advance of that. The Board discussed the options for filing language and millage options. Steve said the Prosecutor's Office said they are limited in the language they can use because it is replacement so they would literally need to use approximately the same language in terms of the intent. They cannot use "Medina County Drug Abuse Commission" in it because that is not what was placed in the very first ballot. If they did that, it would be a new levy.

Jim Bigam motioned that they make the recommendation to the Commissioners to put the same anti-drug levy back on the ballot in May with language spelling out Medina County Drug Abuse Commission. Will said that would be a new levy so Jim amended it to using the appropriate language to comply with the law. Karl said the ballot language would need to be the same if they go with a replacement levy again. The banners, yard signs, flyers, etc. could all say something like "Back MCDAC, Vote for the Anti-Drug Levy" to help people "connect the dots". They can get all the schools and communities to carry the message in that manner. Will pointed out that there will less school issues to compete with this time, which will help. They discussed going with a conservative approach of a renewal levy. Jim disagreed with a renewal levy saying that MCDAC needed to stay on the same path with a replacement levy, but get more people involved and raise more money for the campaign. His motion was restated that MCDAC place the same language and millage on the May ballot as they had on the November ballot. Kent Patterson seconded the motion. Karl said he liked this better than a replacement levy that would have stagnated the dollars and the growth. The group agreed that they needed to show growth over the years and the budget cannot stagnate because they have too many good things going. All voted AYE and the motion was approved.

Commissioner Hambley said he would convey this action back to the Board of County Commissioners and Finance Director. Karl can present the resolution to the Commissioners.

Approval of 2006 MCDAC Board Meetings

Karl presented the 2006 calendar for review. Upon questioning, Karl said he included two grant reviews in May like they have done consistently the past two years. The second one can be changed later if they want, but this way they can plan for it. *Wally Schaedel motioned to*

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approve the 2006 meeting dates and Jim Bigam seconded the motion. Will asked if Wally would accept into his motion that the location would be changed to the lower level conference room of the Professional Building starting in February 2006 and Wally agreed. There was no further discussion. All voted AYE; motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Semi-Annual Report Format

Karl Cetina showed the Board last year's semi-annual reports and the letters that went out with them. He pointed out that he "set the stage" for grantees to advertise and promote MCDAC and highlighted in yellow those reports that promoted and recognized MCDAC funded projects, but there were few. He also asked them to report on their advocacy in media and received many excuses when that spot was left blank on the year-end reports. In light of the levy failing, he is really going to stress the importance of complying with this request. MCDAC needs to see what the grantees are doing with the MCDAC grant dollars so they can try to fill the void.

Will Koran said Karl can tell the grantees that do not comply that future funding will be in jeopardy.

Laura Dean pointed out that the Board will review the reports in May and if someone has not complied, it would certainly influence their vote for funding for the following year. She knows they are doing good work, but they have to provide that information in this political atmosphere.

Cliff Nowak motioned for the director to send letters to all the grantees saying that the MCDAC Board requires the forms to show acknowledgement and promotion of MCDAC in all of their publications and newsletters or their grant will not be considered. Joe Lewandowski seconded the motion. Karl said he was assertive at the Sharecluster meeting last week and told all of the representatives there about his perspective on accountability. He also told them they have the potential to impact thousands of people. Although he spoke for about ten minutes, nothing was mentioned about this in the meeting minutes. He confronted the chairman about it. Will said he supports what Cliff has said - they have it in writing and there is no excuse. Cliff stressed the importance of enforcement of this rule. All voted AYE and the motion carried.

Will Koran said he would get a list of those schools that do not comply and address it at the Medina County Schools Superintendents' meeting. Joe Destro arrived at this time.

Include School Policies on ATOD Infractions

Karl explained that he is adding to the reports a request to the schools for a copy of their policies and procedures for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug infractions. This is so he can assist the prevention workers in doing a better job to tighten up some of their regulations, especially with student athletes. This should be an expectation of any new grantees with school programming as well.

MCDAC Budget Request to Commissioners for CY 2006

Karl passed around the 2006 budget request for their review.

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In other business, Will said at the last meeting the Board requested that Karl put together a list of secretarial and equipment needs, and he asked him if he was able to get that together.

Karl said he had not put together a sensible plan because there are too many unanswered questions due to the move not being finalized and the failure of the levy. He asked the Board to table that request until they get situated and see what their needs are and how they work with the clerical staff that the County Commissioners have agreed to let him utilize.

Joe Destro made a motion to extend the deadline for the list until February 2006 and Kent Patterson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion carried.

TUPCF Tobacco Update

Tobacco Coordinator – Dr. John Waddell

Mayo Clinic Tobacco Treatment Specialist Certification

Karl reported that Dr. John Waddell is in Columbus at the Mayo Clinic tobacco treatment weeklong certification clinic.

Commission Members – Go Around

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next MCDAC meeting will be February 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Vereb, Secretary

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