

**MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005**

Roll Call

Vice Chair Kent Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present: Joe Destro (Brunswick Representative), Jeff Vogel (Townships' Representative), James Bigam (Commissioners' Representative), Laura Dean (Medina Representative), Wally Schaedel (Medina Alternate Representative), Susan Likovich (Commissioners' Representative), Michael Maracz (Commissioners' Alternate Representative), Ralph Copley (Wadsworth Representative), Michael Jervis (Villages' Representative), Kent Patterson (Police Chiefs' Representative), Cliff Nowak (Brunswick Alternate Representative), and Antony Kibogo (Commissioners' Alternate Representative).

Absent: Ronald Likley (Wadsworth Alternate Representative), Tom Acklin (Police Chiefs' Alternate Representative), Jack Higgins (School Districts' Alternate Representative), William Koran (School Districts' Representative), and Joe Lewandowski (Townships' Alternate Representative).

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

Review & Approval of Minutes – April

The April 4, 2005 minutes were emailed out in advance. *Joe Destro made a motion to approve the minutes and Michael Maracz seconded. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the minutes were approved as presented.*

Old Business – none

New Business

- **Solutions Behavioral Healthcare (formerly ADDS, Inc.)**

Karl Cetina passed out a March 23, 2005 letter from Brad Williams, Executive Director of Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS) of Medina County. Brad announced that they have a new name - Solutions Behavioral Healthcare. It is an entirely new 501C3 non-profit organization. Their mission statement will be more of a dual diagnosis focus in combination with Northland Counseling.

- **Memorandum concerning DFWP & Home Based Treatment**

Karl also passed out an April 15, 2005 memo from Brad Williams, Executive Director of Solutions (formerly ADDS), thanking MCDAC for supporting and funding two of their programs for the last three years: Adolescent Community/Home Based Therapy project and the Drug Free Workplace Partnership. They will not be reapplying for those grants this year. They urged the continued support of Adolescent Community/Home Based Therapy where funding has shifted to the Juvenile Drug Court and they provide coordinated services. The DFWP has become self sufficient, and they are now collaborating with Medina General Hospital.

Executive Director's Report

- **Share Cluster Budget Revision Request**

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Karl Cetina, Executive Director, stated that Share Cluster requested a budget revision under the new format. (Next fiscal year MCDAC will enforce having a 30-day advance notice for budget revisions.) They want to switch \$1,615.89 from purchased services and contract fees to training for the purpose of providing additional dollars to send a team to the Coordinated School Health Program state conference at Salt Fork. *Wally Schaedel made a motion to honor their budget revision request and Joe Destro seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion carried.*

TUPCF Tobacco Update

• **National Conference on Tobacco & Health**

Karl informed the group that he would be in Chicago, Illinois the rest of this week for the National Conference on Tobacco and Health.

Review of FY 05-06 Grants

• **17 Ongoing Projects**

The Grant Executive Summaries were emailed in advance. The following are the 17 ongoing projects and three new projects for consideration, plus two programs not requesting funds. They are coded in the same manner as last year:

* = Low level of discussion (10)

** = Moderate level of discussion (6)

*** = High level of discussion to rationalize increase (1) or explain new projects (3)

No stars = Not requesting funds (2)

SCHOOLS

1. Black River Local Schools *
2. Brunswick City Schools **
3. Buckeye Local Schools *
4. Cloverleaf Local Schools **
5. Highland Local Schools *
6. Medina City Schools **
7. Medina County Career Center *
8. Wadsworth City Schools *
9. Medina County Sheriff's Office/D.A.R.E./SRO Program (Est. 1988) *

LAW ENFORCEMENT

10. Medina County Drug Task Force (Est. 1990) **
11. City of Wadsworth/MedWay (Est. 1999) *
12. City of Brunswick/MedWay (1987 Res. 87-11) *

PROGRAMS

13. Brunswick Division of Police/Family Assistance Coalition Team (FACT) (Est. 1994) *
14. Medina County Share Cluster Trainings (Est. 1987) **
Drug Free Workplace Partnership of Medina County (Est. 1998) No request

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PROGRAMS; PILOT PROJECTS

- ADDS/Adolescent Home-Community Based Family Treatment (Est. 2003) No request
15. Wadsworth Center for Older Adults/HANDS Prevention for Older Americans (Est. 2003) *
16. Medina County Juvenile Drug Court (Est. 2003) ***
17. Catholic Charities Services (Est. 2004) **

NEW PROPOSALS

1. Spencer Police Department & Oaks Family Care Center ***
2. Youth for Youth ***
3. Sheriff's Department & Alternative Paths ***

• **FY 05-06 Grant Money Available**

Page 3 of the "MCDAC FY04-05 Applicants Comparison" Karl stated that the MCDAC money available this fiscal year is $\$1,245,835 + 72,813 = \$1,318,648$. Antony Kibogo and Jim Bigam arrived during this discussion. Karl explained that the $\$1,245,835$ amount is staying with the five-year plan. The increased amount of $\$72,813$ is due to coming in under budget with some line items and from reimbursements from grantees. He spoke with Chris Jakab, Finance Director, and he confirmed that the figures are correct. In talking with the Finance Director and looking at what they are planning to put on the levy next year, utilizing all of those funds would be appropriate and it would not overextend them. A sheet was passed out with the breakdown of how he came up with the fund availability. Karl asked the Board if they wanted to use the additional money this year or not.

Kent asked how much money would be left from this levy if they use the $\$1.3$ million.

Karl said about $\$500,000$ would carry over if the levy does not pass that would continue operations for at least 6 months.

Susan Likovich asked if the additional $\$72,813$ is needed in the recommended funding (ExSum) amount.

Karl said it is not included in the recommended funding amount. The Executive Summary recommendations add up to $\$1,180,022$ plus Brunswick MedWay's $\$91,970$ (calendar year monies that that were already approved by the Commissioners). When you add those dollars together it would total $\$1,271,992$. This leaves MCDAC with $\$46,656$ available for new projects or to increase existing programs' recommended funding amounts. The three new requests total about $\$38,000$. Even if they fully fund all the new grant requests they would have over $\$8,000$ left. Left over money can always be carried over to the next year. The rationale behind the recommended dollar amounts will be explained when they go over the grants individually. These dollar amounts are a starting point for discussions. If the Board wants to increase something, or if they want to decrease something because they think it is too generous or would be better utilized somewhere else, that is their option for recommendations to the Commissioners. Upon questioning, Karl said he showed the $\$21,000$

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decrease from last year's requests because it shows MCDAC is filling a need and/or grantees are making more realistic requests.

Joe Destro made a motion to make the \$72,813 available for this year's grants for a total of \$1,318,648. Ralph Copley seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion was approved. Laura Dean arrived at this time.

- **Executive Summaries of Proposals**

The Board chose to discuss the one star grants first. The comments listed are those other than what is on the Executive Summaries.

Black River Local Schools (Received \$29,304 last year - requested \$29,500 this year) *

Comments:

They are going to continue with the philosophy of contracting with the School Resource Officer through the Medina County Sheriff's Office. The modest increase will also allow them some materials and some drug and alcohol prevention services.

A number of schools have added training for staff to combat bullying. Many cases of violence, such as at Columbine, have been attributed to having bullying at their roots. They are trying to nip bullying in the bud to identify it and intervene.

MCDAC has encouraged grantees to pick up paying for areas that MCDAC originally funded. Black River is now paying for all the Student Assistance Coordinator's salary.

The "hybrid" of SRO's and DARE Officers needs to be discussed with the Sheriff's Office because MCDAC feels that is the best utilization of those funds.

The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to Commissioners to award \$29,500 to Black River Local Schools with the contingencies they identify the purchases services providers (speakers for Red Ribbon Week and Prom Promise Week) for \$1,200 prior to expenditure. Also, their SRO needs to continue to gain further alcohol, tobacco, and other drug knowledge.

Buckeye Local Schools (Received \$37,596 last year – requested \$39,816 this year) *

Comments:

They are sending a team to the Coordinated School Health state conference at Salt Fork.

Buckeye Schools pay a total of \$31,740 out of the General Fund that includes some salary, most benefits, and some other line items.

The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to Commissioners to award \$39,816 to Buckeye Local Schools with no contingencies.

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Highland Local Schools (Received \$55,620 last year – requested \$67,410 this year) *

Comments:

The \$12,000 increase is shifting more to MCDAC paying the counselor's salary rather than their General Fund paying the salary that was raised from \$56,053 to \$63,609 over a two-year period (about a 6% per year increase)

Salary seems high – is that for one person?

A \$2,000 increase over last year's award would cover a cost of living salary increase.

Highland Schools contribute \$28,639 from their General Fund toward benefits.

Highland's target population is about 2,700 students.

Highland Schools want to "own" the program and not have it come and go with funding. They perceive the drug prevention counselor as part of their staff.

Their request seems exorbitantly high with very little to no rationale.

MCDAC has praised Highland for years for the roll of taking the seed money and turning it into something. They decided back then not to penalize them.

The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to Commissioners to award \$57,609 to Highland Local Schools with no contingencies.

Medina County Career Center (Received \$33,990 last year – requested \$35,000 this year) *

Comments:

This is a fairly modest increase to go towards purchased services that makes sense.

MCCC provides \$90,000 of in-kind services in addition to the SRO.

The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to award \$35,000 to the Medina County Career Center with the contingency to submit a budget narrative.

Wadsworth City Schools (Received \$75,532 last year – requested \$75,730 this year) *

Comments:

This request is for a modest increase of only \$200 for purchased services mostly from ADDS.

The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to Commissioners to award \$75,730 to Wadsworth City Schools with no contingencies.

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Medina County Sheriff's Office/DARE/SRO (Received \$120,000 last year – requested \$180,657 this year) *

Comments:

They are asking for huge increase. Basically, they would be happy to have MCDAC offset the 3-1/2% cost of living increase.

They get money from the Attorney General's Office so they are in good shape.

They serve three schools – Buckeye, Cloverleaf, and Highland.

Some schools like the SRO's to be more in the classroom and other schools prefer they act as security guards. MCDAC wants them to individualize as much as possible.

The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to Commissioners to award \$124,200 to the Medina County Sheriff's Office/DARE/SRO with the contingency that the blend of SRO & DARE needs to be put into practice, not just referred to in theory.

City of Wadsworth/MedWay (Received \$50,485 last year – requested \$50,485 this year) *

Comments:

They agreed to remain status quo.

The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to Commissioners to award \$50,485 contingent upon the five-year agreement and existing funding.

City of Brunswick/MedWay (Approved \$90,835) *

Comments:

Commissioners have already approved the City of Brunswick/Medway.

The Board accepted \$90,835 to Brunswick MedWay as part of this year's grants.

Brunswick Division of Police/FACT (Received \$20,000 last year – requested \$20,600 this year) *

Comments:

Joe Destro excused himself from this discussion and deferred to his alternate, Cliff Nowak.

They are asking for a \$600 increase earmarked for Reality Store Activity that seems reasonable.

This is a well-written grant.

They provided some free alcohol and drug assessments, and the first year not many people took advantage of it. Last year was better.

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The Board (excluding Joe Destro) tentatively approved the recommendation to Commissioners to award \$20,600 to FACT with no contingencies.

Drug Free Workplace Partnership of Medina County (Received \$4,500 last year – no request this year)

Comments:

For the last two years ADDS has said they are going to bow out of this program. DFWP has had discussions about working with Medina General Hospital and utilizing their space to hold meetings. They need no county dollars for this effort.

MCDAC applauds them for taking their seed money and becoming self-sufficient. The Board will write a letter of support and congratulations.

ADDS/Adolescent Home Based Family Treatment (Received \$19,800 last year – no request this year)

Comments:

MCDAC reduced their award last year to be better fitting, and this year they are not asking for any money.

They are trying to push some of those dollars towards the Juvenile Drug Court effort and dropping the idea of home based drug treatment. ADDS has formed a partnership with and has some contracts with the Juvenile Drug Court. MCDAC will be reviewing a Juvenile Drug Court grant request.

It is a good thing when organizations collaborate to use dollars better instead of competing for dollars.

Wadsworth COA/HANDS (Received \$21,625 last year – requested \$26,738 this year) *

Comments:

They are getting additional money from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging to make this more of a countywide initiative. They are going to start covering Medina and some of the hospitals with their programs.

This program is mostly public education with prevention and awareness with the senior community, and it would include some lunches through HANDS.

MCDAC actively solicited people to go out and serve this population and Wadsworth COA/HANDS came forward with a novel proposal. This is a totally different kind of drug or chemical abuse. The program deals with subjects such as making an assessment of all the prescription drugs a senior takes to see if they are over-prescribed; the aspect of people using other people's drugs in the same household; interaction of prescription drugs with alcohol; training of caregivers; and grandchildren stealing drugs such as OxyContin.

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The Board tentatively approved the recommendation to the Commissioners to award \$23,000 to Wadsworth COA/HANDS with no contingencies.

The Board decided to table the two star grants and discuss them at the next meeting. They reviewed the three star grants to see if they would be invited in to make presentations. After a short discussion the group decided to bring in the Medina County Juvenile Drug Court, Spencer Police Department & Oaks Family Care Center, Youth for Youth, and Sheriff's Department & Alternative Paths. Each of the four programs will be asked to do a 10-minute presentation plus allow 5 minutes for questions.

Commission Members - Go Around

Jeff Vogel announced that there would be a MCDAC Levy Committee meeting immediately following this meeting.

Laura Dean said she had an opportunity to visit the Juvenile Drug Court with Judge John Lohn, and it was a wonderful experience.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, May 16, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at the Human Services Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Vereb, Secretary