

MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2005

Roll Call

Chair Will Koran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: William Koran (School Districts' Representative), James Bigam (Commissioners' Representative), Cliff Nowak (Brunswick Alternate Representative), Jack Higgins (School Districts' Alternate Representative), Jeff Vogel (Townships' Representative), Kent Patterson (Police Chiefs' Representative), Wally Schaedel (Medina Alternate Representative), Laura Dean (Medina Representative), Susan Likovich (Commissioners' Representative), and Joe Destro (Brunswick Representative).

Absent: Ralph Copley (Wadsworth Representative), Ronald Likley (Wadsworth Alternate Representative), Tom Acklin (Police Chiefs' Alternate Representative), Michael Jarvis (Villages' Representative), Joe Lewandowski (Townships' Alternate Representative), Michael Maracz (Commissioners' Alternate Representative), and Antony Kibogo (Commissioners' Alternate Representative).

Also present: Karl Cetina - MCDAC Executive Director and John Waddell - Tobacco Coordinator.

Review & Approval of Minutes – October

The October minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business

Karl Cetina passed around a MCDAC roster in order to get updated information.

New Business

Karl said it was brought to his attention that the terms of the following people will expire at the end of 2005:

- Laura Dean (Medina City Representative)
- Wally Schaedel (Medina City Alternate Representative)
- Will Koran (School Districts' Representative)
- Jack Higgins (School Districts' Alternate Representative)
- Jeff Vogel (Townships' Representative)
- Joe Lewandowski (Townships' Alternate Representative)

They will need to have these appointments/reappointments made official by the end of the year. Joe Destro, Laura Dean, and Sue Likovich arrived at this time.

Executive Director's Report

Red Ribbon Week – October 23rd - 31st

The Commission reviewed the Red Ribbon publication that was in the Gazette.

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Share Cluster Video

Karl passed around copies of the Share Cluster video to the Board members. He said about 50 were distributed throughout the county. These were paid for out of the MCDAC budget.

MCDAC Video

Copies of the MCDAC video were also given to the Board. Karl said Laura Dean and Jeff Vogel were instrumental its development and it was produced by Dale Weygant. It was shown by Brunswick Cable TV, schools, Drug Task Force, and Share Cluster. Viewing and further disbursement had to be discontinued until after the November election. Although its purpose is informational, it excited a law that bans “political” information from being disbursed 60 days before an election. Feedback about its quality and content was very positive from the Board members.

Laura said photos were submitted by email for use in the video. Unfortunately, some of those files could not be opened because they were not compatible with the equipment at Dale’s studio. She regrets this happened, but there was no way to foresee that problem.

MCDAC FY04-05 Grantee Reimbursements

\$18,220.95 is the amount to be reimbursed from the FY04-05 grantees and a list was provided to the Board. This will go back into the “pot” for next year. Karl said the Auditor’s report on the Drug Task Force showed that Fred Wolk’s final salary/benefits payout was \$39,298.24. Mike Barnhardt, who will move into Fred’s position as Director, told Karl that this will offset the extra funds from being short one agent this year so there will not be much of a reimbursement of funds to MCDAC this year.

In other business, there was a discussion about the relocation of the MCDAC offices to the Professional Building and the need for part-time support staff to do routine clerical work. The Board suggested that Karl assess his needs. Wally Schaedel made a motion that Karl provide documentation at the next meeting regarding the need and use of a secretary and equipment. Joe Destro requested he include a list of the P.O.’s that are required for what he wants the secretary to have and what level of secretarial skills would be necessary. Jeff Vogel seconded the motion. Jack Higgins suggested that Karl lay out the cost advantages of having a secretary versus his wages doing the secretarial work, which limits him from doing the “higher” level work that the county appreciates him doing. Will said John Waddell could be a part of that discussion as well since the dollars are related. Cliff Novak said Karl probably just needs someone on as “as needed” basis, but Jim Bigam pointed out that 4 hours per day would free Karl up to plan his day more efficiently to do MCDAC business. Will discussed the Educational Learning Center’s offer to provide services through their secretarial pool and equipment as an option. All voted AYE and the motion carried.

TUPCF Tobacco Update

Tobacco Coordinator – Dr. John Waddell

John discussed the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. He said this is a worldwide convention that has been signed and ratified by 100 nations that represent 2/3 of the world’s

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population. Unless a miracle occurs at the polls tomorrow, the United States has signed it, but will not have it ratified. That means when it comes to global tobacco control, they will not really be “at the table”. He feels that our kind of leadership is overwhelmingly wrong, especially when tobacco is killing 5 million human beings every year. John told the group about Bidis, a product imported from India that comes with a plant wrapper that looks like marijuana joint. It comes in many flavors and the nicotine concentration is very heavy. They are a deadly substitute for cigarettes that are sold as a novelty item. John told the group to keep an eye on what happens in Summit County with their smoke free type of legislation on the ballot tomorrow since they are Medina County’s closest neighbor trying this. In looking into new and interesting scientific tobacco research he discovered a published paper that said when they ask people to self-report on their smoking usage it is usually true. They actually tested the level in their blood and it coincided with what they said. So, now when they asked pregnant women their usage for the grant’s purposes, they will feel more confident that they are getting truthful data. Another study showed there is very strong evidence showing that women that smoke during pregnancy are more likely to have a child that will become positive for either rheumatoid arthritis or one of the other arthritics diseases within his/her first seven years of life. There is a definite increased risk ratio, which is one more thing to put on the list of bad things about tobacco. Next meeting they will discuss their achievements having to do with pregnant women that are smokers.

Upon questioning, Karl said Dr. John Waddell or an associate could provide expertise on tobacco issues to other organizations and groups. He can be reached at 330-722-9267.

Commission Members - Go Around

Jeff Vogel commented that they are looking forward to a positive outcome with the MCDAC levy at the polls tomorrow. They put signs out in the three cities and the DTF put some in high traffic areas. They did advertising in the Gazette and had positive mentions in the Westside Leader, Beacon Journal, and Sun Times.

Upon questioning, Wally said the campaign budget was \$2,200. Everyone thanked Jeff for his hard work on the campaign.

Jim Bigam reminded the Board to send emails to everyone in their address book to support the levy tomorrow.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Vereb, Secretary

Next MCDAC Meeting: December 5th at 6:00 p.m.