

Minutes 5/2/2017
Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition
Pontotoc County Health Department
2330 Arlington Street, Ada, OK

PCDFC Mission Statement – “United to reduce substance abuse by using proactive strategies to empower our community!”

- I. Call to order: meeting called to order by James Jackson
- II. Lunch (provided by Vision Bank)
- III. Review of previous meeting’s minutes:
 - a. Review of the minutes identified the incorrect information that only AshLee Griffin & Holli Witherington met with legislators on 3/24/17. This meeting included Executive Committee members and Judge Landrith. With this correction in mind, Vicki Orsburn made a motion to accept the minutes, Jana Webb seconded the motion; the motion was approved.
- IV. Introductions and Sectors:
 - a. Business: Jeff Epperly
 - b. Media: James Jackson
 - c. Schools: Sandy Poe, Sue Young-Harmon
 - d. Youth Serving: Yolanda Cummings, Shannon Luper, Destiny Graham, Gale Whitson
 - e. Law Enforcement: none
 - f. Civic: Richard Rambo
 - g. Health care: Timber Underwood, Danny Coats
 - h. State/Local/Tribal Government Agency with Expertise in the Field of Substance Abuse: Deanna Carpitche, Melinda Stone, Dylan Ramey, Tom Landrith, David Hansard, Adrian Gold, Patty Daniels
 - i. Other Substance Abuse: Vicki Orsburn, AshLee Griffin, Holli Witherington, Teresa Reeser
 - j. Religious/Fraternal: Jana Webb
 - k. Parent: Becky Roe, Cassie Holloway
 - l. Youth: (see STAND sign-in sheets i.e. youth coalition meetings)
- V. In-Kind Forms: handed out and collected by Holli Witherington. Witherington reported we have reached \$99,000 of required \$125,000 of in kind donations.
- VI. Grant Updates:
 - a. DFC:
 - i. Marijuana Forum: the discussion went well but the turnout was low. AshLee distributed remaining bookmarks to coalition members.

- ii. STAND Youth Coalition: pilot program has been implemented at Stonewall Public Schools. This seems to be going better than county-wide group. They have taken the initiative to do a social media campaign with bracelets labeled #STONEWALLSTANDS
- b. TSET: Timber and Becky shared that all bills other than HB2365 on cigarette tax have died for this legislative session. This bill finally received a preliminary vote yesterday and passed. They also shared that TSET is receiving a \$25,000 cut. Vicki stressed the importance of HB2365 and that it will provide 28% of the tax revenue to ODMHSAS.
- c. Project Aware: Thus far 389 first aiders have been trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid in Pontotoc County. The grant goal is 450 total by the end of year 2 in September 2017. There will be a Youth Mental Health First Aid training on 5-24-17 and 6-1-17. Registration is still open.
- d. Chickasaw Nation Suicide Prevention Program: Chickasaw Nation Suicide Prevention grant is hosting a SAFE Talk training on May 5th from 830 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Lighthouse Training Room; spots are still open for this training. There will also be an ASIST training in Tishomingo on May 17-18, 2017. Deanna shared she is currently working on their non-competitive continuation application.
- e. Brandon Whitten Institute: Holli reported that BWI did not receive a \$30,000 NCAA athletics-prevention grant. They plan to reapply next year now that they better understand the guidelines. However, BWI did receive continued funding from Whitten-Newman Foundation for the next 5 years. BWI/DFC should also find out about the United Way application in a few weeks and the Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention Grant for ECU in September 2017.
- f. Early Childhood Advisory Council: James shared that the ECAC partnered with Ada and purchased items for an imagination playground. This will be mobile and part of a pop-up play strategy. The City of Ada (Parks and Recreation) will be overseeing this and hosting events weekly in different neighborhoods during the summer. Coalition members can utilize the imagination playground at events upon request.

VII. Impact areas:

- a. Alcohol/Tobacco- See earlier tobacco updates under TSET grant. James highlighted the importance of talking to legislators on items like HB 2365 and SQ788 (see below). An alcohol awareness day was held on the ECU campus with over 500 general students reached and approximately 200 student athletes.
- b. Marijuana/Synthetics: See earlier forum information. The coalition continued discussing SQ788 and the weak areas of this proposal. Data was given concerning SQ788 ramifications as well as overall marijuana benefit and consequence data.
- c. Prescription Drugs/Heroin: Judge Landrith shared that there will be a state task force created to address prescription drug issues. James shared that the DFC application to United Way was for prescription lock boxes and the importance of this strategy. Holli and AshLee also provided

information on prescription lock boxes and shared that over 1,600 pounds was collected from Lighthorse drop boxes from January-November 2016.

- d. Meth/Other Illicit Drugs : Meth use is increasing again and quickly becoming one of the most frequently reported drugs of choice in treatment again.

VIII. Old Business: No other old business presented.

IX. New Business

- a. Committee Position – Alex Thompson had to step down as an executive member due to a new job position. It is also not known if Jahna Buckaloo will be able to resume secretary duties. Alex's position is open for nominations and an announcement will be made if Jahna's position becomes open too.
- b. Step Out of the Darkness – It is time to start planning this event. Dylan, James, Timber, Gale, Vicki, Adrian, Holli, and AshLee volunteered to serve on this committee. Holli will send an announcement via email about first meeting to occur on Tuesday May 9th at 4pm at ABHC Offices. Holli reported that all Saturday's in September are booked with community events except 9-23-17 and she will attempt to reserve Kerr Activities Center for that date.

X. Agency Announcements

- a. Ada Regional United Way has moved to a new office behind the Cotton Patch Restaurant. If you need to reach Director James Jackson in the next week or so, call his cell phone. ARUW Family Fun Day is scheduled for 8-19-17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- b. The Chickasaw Nation Child Support Awareness event is scheduled for 8-5-17 at the Community Center.
- c. Addiction & Behavioral Health Center is hosting a reception to celebrate their 40 year anniversary on Thursday 5-4-17 at the Ada Arts and Heritage Center from 4-6 p.m.
- d. The next East End Eats event is also on Thursday 5-4-17 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- e. AshLee made a note to thank Calvin Prince and Danny Coats for their service the last 2 years on the Executive Committee.

XI. 1 p.m. Adjournment

XII. Agenda item requests for next meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday June 6, 2017 at the Pontotoc County Health Department.