

Substance Abuse Council of Vanderburgh County

Minutes

March 5th, 2012

Central Library Browning Room

1:30-2:30p

Attendees:

Laura Hatfield	Beth Greenwell	Wayne Wargel	Emily Woodruff
Crystal Sisson	Kim Ashby	Donna Lilly	Jennifer Hargus
James Akin	Tom Weber	Deloris Koch	Ramona Gilmore
Ron McDonald	Angie Schu	Robert Helfrich	Julie Philips
Katy Adams	Eliot Colin	Chelsi Grove	Dee Lewis
Ashlee Williams	Wanda McCarter	Heather Woods	Joe Lutz
Gail Knight Williams			

The meeting was opened at 1:30 by Dee.

Minutes were reviewed. Corrections needed: Change Drug and Alcohol Conference dates from 5/27 and 5/28 to 5/17 and 5/18 in announcements, add "in Vanderburgh County, ISP worked 5 alcohol and drug related vehicle crashes." to law enforcement committee report. Beth made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections; motioned was seconded by Chelsi. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Announcements

Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare will be hosting a Problem Gambling Awareness Forum on March 6th from 6-7:30p at Stepping Stone. Please RSVP for the catered dinner from Just Rennie's. A GA meeting will also be held on the evening of March 5th in the same location.

TSA will be having a car wash on Saturday, April 28th at CVS located on the corner of Washington Ave. and HWY 41 from 10a-2p. Proceeds benefit the TSA AIDS Holiday Project. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Wally Paynter at 812.480.0204 for more information.

Vanderburgh Homeless Connect will take place at the Centre on March 22nd from 9a-2p. For more information on participating visit the website at www.destination-home.info/vhc.

Sunday, April 1st Evansville will be going smoke free. For more info on regulations contact Smoke Free Communities.

Evansville Police Department will be holding the next Police Academy starting April 3rd through May 22nd. Classes are every Tuesday night from 6-9p at the Police Department, Downtown. Contact Debbie Baird at 812.436.4948 for more info and registration.

Indiana State Police will be holding their annual Respect the Law camp at USI June 14th-16th. The camp is for all local 4th and 5th graders and brochures will be going out to the school soon. The cost is about \$100 per student but there are scholarships available for those who need financial assistance.

Presentations

Tom Weber from the Indiana State Police spoke briefly about the ISP and their efforts they have taken towards keeping the community safe. Traffic safety, criminal enforcement, and public service are the ISP primary focus. Some of the divisions include uniform criminal enforcement, detectives, meth suppression unit, drug enforcement section, and marijuana eradication. Tom and the officers under his command work 6 counties in southern Indiana. In those 6 counties, ISP had 290 DUI arrests and 178 crashes involving alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription drugs in 2011. Tom also brought pop-up safety cones purchased with SAC funds to demonstrate how they work and how they keep officers and community members safe during DUI checkpoints and other instances.

Dee Lewis from the YWCA also spoke about her agency and the work the Y does with the women in her department. The YWCA was established in 1911 and has been diligently serving our community for over 100 years. In 2001, the Transitional Housing Recovery Program was started. SAC funds are used in these programs to better serve the women and families in the Strengthening Families and parenting classes portions of the program. After completing the program, 91% of parents report better family dynamics because of the information and help given by the program. In 2011, the program housed 53 women and had 1 drug free baby born.

Committee Reports

Prevention: The next People in the Know will take place on April 25th at Oakland Library from 5:30-8 pm. Parent awareness will be the topic of this PIK. Discussions will include drug trends hitting the Evansville area and warning signs for parents for teen alcohol and drug use.

Treatment: There was a discussion held on possible topics for the 2012 Faces of Change. Ashlee Williams, SAC's intern is to research some possible Pain Management, Trauma, and Family Interventionist. There was also a topic brought up about bringing in a speaker on documentation. Family therapy will be this year's primary focus with some type of military component added.

Law Enforcement: Countermeasure fees for Feb were \$14,638.38. In February there was a total of 19 drug and alcohol related vehicle crashes; 2 crashes resulted in injury with 4 injuries total. ISP had 14 DUI arrests and 7 minor consumptions issued in Vanderburgh County. Also in February, EPD had 42 OMVWI and 7 Meth Possession cases while Vand. Co. Sheriff's Office had 22 OMVWI and 3 possession of synthetic marijuana cases.

Youth Committee: Youth Committee met briefly to decide on a survey to be given at an SAC member agency's afterschool program to a total of about 150 students. Once the

survey is given and results are compiled, the committee will make a more informed decision of which topics students in the community need more information and what topics students would like to be involved in helping.

Project Updates/Discussion

The Taste if Southern Indiana will be Sunday, April 15th from 6-8 in the evening at Cambridge Golf Club. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door. Laura will have tickets at every SAC meeting from now until then for purchase or you can call/email Laura for tickets as well.

“The Ice that Burns” meth training- No project updates

Ashlee our SAC Intern has contacted Hacienda on Green River Rd. and set up a “Hacienda Gives Back Night” on May 7th. All orders that are specified to support the SAC will have 20% of the ticket price given back to the Council when once orders total over \$300. Ashlee will have SAC coupons available at the April and May Council meetings.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

No new business to report

Future Council and Committee Meetings- April 2nd, 2012

Prevention 12:45

Law Enforcement 1:10

General Council 1:30

Treatment 2:30

Executive Committee (3/19) 12:00p in the Conference Rm. at 501 John St.

Youth Committee (3/19) 1:00p in the Conference Rm. at 501 John St

Meeting adjourned at 2:10p.