



**MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)**  
**Minutes of May 1, 2017**

◆ **ATTENDANCE**

• Present

David Centner – Commissioners’ Rep.  
Evelyn Czyz - Township Rep.  
Louis DeLoss - Township Alt. Rep.  
Will Koran - School District Rep.  
Pat Nahrstedt - Wadsworth Rep.  
Cliff Nowak - Brunswick Rep. (6:41)

Peggy Reeves – School Districts Alt. Rep.  
Wally Schaedel - Villages Rep.  
Robert Starcher – Medina City Rep.  
Jeff Vogel - Commissioners Rep.

• Absent

Matt Hiscock – Wadsworth Alt. Rep. (excused)  
Susan Kinney Dillon – Brunswick Alt. Rep.  
(excused)  
Kent Patterson - Police Chiefs Assoc. Rep.  
(excused)

• Others Present

Brian Nowak - MCDAC Executive Director

◆ **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was held in the lower conference room of the Professional Services Building located at 124 West Washington Street, Medina. Chairman Will Koran called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. After roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

◆ **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of April 3, 2017, were emailed in advance. Cliff Nowak moved to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded by Pat Nahrstedt. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes will be placed on file as submitted.

◆ **NEW BUSINESS**

Grant applications and budget reviews

Brian Nowak distributed and reviewed the grant funding requests for FY17-18 as well as a comparison of FY16-17 funding and FY17-18 requests (made part of the permanent record). He noted that looking ahead to FY17-18, there are not many changes as far as programming goes, however, the Drug Task Force, Buckeye, the Career Center, Highland, Medina, Wadsworth, the Sheriff’s Office and LCADA Way are all requesting increases. After discussion, the following motions were voted on:

Wally Schaedel moved to approve recommending grants for FY17-18 remain at the same funding level as FY16-17 for all agencies listed with the exception of Black River, FACT Spencer, Sheriff’s Office and Cathy’s House. The motion was seconded by Cliff Nowak. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Evelyn Czyz moved to approve recommending the grant for FY17-18 remain at the same funding level as FY16-17 for Black River Schools; David Centner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Everyone voted affirmatively except Will Koran who abstained and the motion passed.

Wally Schaedel moved to approve recommending the grant for FY17-18 remain at the same funding level as FY16-17 for FACT Spencer; Pat Nahrstedt seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Everyone voted affirmatively except Jeff Vogel who abstained and the motion passed.

Jeff Vogel moved to approve recommending the grant for FY17-18 remain at the same funding level as FY16-17 for Cathy's House; David Centner seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Everyone voted affirmatively except Wally Schaedel who abstained and the motion passed.

Cliff Nowak moved to approve recommending the grant for FY17-18 remain at the same funding level as FY16-17 for the Sheriff's Office; Robert Starcher seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Everyone voted affirmatively except David Centner who abstained and the motion passed.

Will Koran reported that he met with Kent Patterson and Brian Nowak to review the four year projections to make sure there will be enough money at the end of this levy cycle. They will probably be letting people know upfront next year that certain things will need to be readjusted. When looking at what is currently being funded to the schools, based on the size and services of the school, the funding is not equitable. For example, Brunswick (the largest school district) is getting less than Medina and almost the same as Wadsworth. Cloverleaf has dropped from nearly 4,000 students to 2,400 and they are the only school that is not contributing. Cloverleaf has always been carried because they could not pass a levy; they have now passed a series of levies. In their five year forecast, they are the only school in the black at the end. Regarding LCADA Way, MCDAC had agreed to provide rent money for only 2 to 3 years; so that \$55,000 LCADA Way received this year will not be \$55,000 next year. In 2019 LCADA Way will probably not receive any funding and so that money will then be able to be reinvested into other things. Will noted that he expects there to be some controversial discussions next year regarding funding. Wally Schaedel asked if it has been determined how the new construction will affect funding. Brian Nowak answered that he will have the actual amount of levy funds collected at the end of June. He stated that in 2020, there is no question that at least a replacement will need to be asked for. A balanced and equitable budget is very important. Lou DeLoss asked if the math on a per student basis has been done; Will answered no. Will added that it also depends on what their program is rather than just paying for a salary. He explained how the schools are funded through the state. Pat Nahrstedt inquired about the effectiveness of the DARE program compared to other things. Brian Nowak answered that the study was done prior to DARE reinventing itself; it is now comparable to what the prevention specialists will do. The officers that we have are extremely dedicated and have a positive effect on the districts. David Centner stated that the DARE officers have a rigorous program that they teach.

#### June MCDAC Meeting

Robert Starcher moved to cancel the June meeting; Evelyn Czyz seconded the motion. Cliff Nowak stated that everyone would be notified if there was a need for a June meeting. Everyone voted aye and the motion passed.

#### ◆ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Brian Nowak stated that Rhonda Beck had previously circulated the upcoming events. He reported that Family-A-Fair, although the crowd attendance seems to be decreasing, it was a nice event. Share Cluster was also a nice event. Brian then passed around a sign-up sheet for the Medina County Fair noting that they are one short of 100 percent coverage. Most of the volunteers are MCDAC grantees as well as some board members. He appreciates their willingness to help out. Also coming up are Senior Day 2017 (May 16) and Kite Fest (September 9).

#### ◆ **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Will Koran moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Wally Schaedel. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

◆ **NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Professional Building on the first Monday of each month except where noted. There are no meetings scheduled in January, July, or August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2017.

**\*Future 2017 Meetings\***

September 11	November 6
October 2	December 4

*Minutes provided by Rhonda J. Beck  
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