



MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) Minutes of October 2, 2017

◆ ATTENDANCE

- Present

Evelyn Czyz - Township Rep.

Louis DeLoss - Township Alt. Rep.

Matt Hiscock – Wadsworth Alt. Rep.

Will Koran - School District Rep.

Amy Lyon-Galvin – Commissioners Alt. Rep.

Pat Nahrstedt - Wadsworth Rep.

Cliff Nowak - Brunswick Rep. (6:05)

Kent Patterson - Police Chiefs Assoc. Rep.

Peggy Reeves – School Districts Alt. Rep.

Wally Schaedel - Villages Rep.

- Absent

David Centner – Commissioners’ Rep. (excused)

Susan Kinney Dillon – Brunswick Alt. Rep.

(excused)

Holly Phillips – Commissioners Alt. Rep.

(excused)

Robert Starcher – Medina City Rep.

Jeff Vogel - Commissioners Rep.

- Others Present

Brian Nowak - MCDAC Executive Director

Adam Friedrick – Commissioners’ Liaison

◆ CALL TO ORDER

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

◆ CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 11, 2017, were emailed in advance. Wally Schaedel moved to approve the minutes; Evelyn Czyz seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with Will Koran and Peggy Reeves abstaining. The minutes will be placed on file as submitted.

◆ REVIEW OF MCDAC MISSION STATEMENT

Will Koran explained that the mission of the Medina County Drug Abuse Commission “serves to prevent the negative effects of drug abuse by providing funding for and monitoring of education, law enforcement and treatment programs.” Will stated that every time we make a decision, it should be based off the mission.

◆ MCDAC: FIVE-YEAR FUNDING ANALYSIS

Brian Nowak briefly reviewed the Five-Year Funding Analysis, Anti-Drug Levy Property Taxes and FY18-FY21 Future Funding that were discussed at the last meeting; copies were previously distributed to everyone and are part of the permanent record. Mr. Nowak recommended the need to review funding for prevention programming in the schools, fund the schools more equitably and balance the MCDAC budget.

Will Koran stated that over the years, school funding has become skewed. When putting DARE program in, Buckeye, Cloverleaf and Highland take a huge share of MCDAC dollars compared to the others. In looking at where all of the schools are in the area of percentage of the population of the students, Brunswick has 26% of the kids in the county, Medina 24%, Wadsworth 17%, Highland 12%, Cloverleaf 9%, Buckeye 8%, and Black River 4%. The MCCC students are all included in those numbers but the MCCC has 1,100 students, so they are virtually the same size as Black River.

Mr. Koran explained that his proposal to try to equalize is to give extra money to Brunswick bringing them from their current \$75,000 to \$82,500 next year and then \$84,000 the following year. The rest of the districts will all have a small decrease except for Cloverleaf which is overfunded as compared to the other districts; Cloverleaf would take a bigger hit over those two years. There was approximately \$430,000 identified as the goal of the education funding for the FY 19-20 year and this proposal comes out at \$429,500. Mr. Koran noted that he expects to speak with the superintendents Friday. Brian Nowak added that he and Will Koran will meet with the superintendents at the November meeting, but the door is open for any superintendents who may want a meeting about their particular district.

Adam Friedrich stated that using the student population to determine the percentages is fine, but, for example, if the problem at Cloverleaf is significantly worse at Highland, it would make sense for the dollars to be spent at Cloverleaf and not Highland. He asked, if that is a consideration. Mr. Koran answered that Cloverleaf had been in horrendous fiscal shape approximately 5-6 years ago, the numbers were modified a bit except for Cloverleaf. Cloverleaf is also the only district right now that doesn't have any of their own funds being used for the drug prevention programming, so MCDAC has been doing 100% of it all along. Mr. Friedrich noted that statistically, the worst drug problems in the county are in Lodi. Brian Nowak stated that when looking at the kids and drug use across the county, everyone is effected to a certain extent. One of the reasons in terms of Cloverleaf is that they haven't been contributed anything towards that programming and the question is can we continue to carry them. There was discussion regarding the cost per student based on population and why MCDAC funds are declining.

Matt Hiscock stated that in looking at the proposal to cut Cloverleaf's funding by approximately \$12,820, would mean Cloverleaf would have to make a tough decision about perhaps a prevention specialist. Brian Nowak answered that is one way to look at it, but maybe it's time that Cloverleaf contributed funding toward the programming. The schools have been encouraged by the Ohio State Attorney General to take an active role in drug abuse prevention.

Amy Lyon-Galvin asked if there is potential to create a formula that is relative to the schools' matching contribution. Because Cloverleaf has been disproportionate because of their fiscal distress, if they would make a commitment to a certain matching fund that may make them eligible for a percentage of this total pot of money. Mr. Koran answered that when looking at all of the grants when they come out, one of the things in the grant is that they give us what the total cost is of their prevention programs, and they break it out to what they fund and what we fund. Right now, Black River and Cloverleaf have \$0 in what they fund. Brian Nowak added that no other schools contribute less than 50% of the costs; most contribute 60-70%. Wally Schaedel stated that they had previously tried to do the matching funds, but they were unable to work it out. Kent Patterson asked if Cloverleaf is on solid ground (fiscally); Will Koran confirmed.

Brian Nowak distributed and reviewed a handout (MCDAC FY 18-19 and FY 19-20 Grant Fund Recommendation) made part of the permanent record. There was discussion regarding the Drug Task Force Funding. Cliff Nowak noted that their funding continues to climb which is taking away from other programs. His concern is with wages and PERS being inherited and it putting a hurt on us eventually. Brian Nowak answered that there is the possibility of a renewal and increase if needed.

Brian Nowak then distributed and reviewed a handout (Living Well Medina); this information is also posted on the Medina County Health Department's website. Mr. Nowak noted that the percentages for Medina County 2017 youth (9th-12th) are lower than the percentages for Living Well Medina 2012 youth (6th-12th).

◆ **NEW BUSINESS**

Residential Treatment Center

Brian Nowak announced that Community Assessment and Treatment Services out of Cuyahoga County will be opening a residential program, possibly in March, on the grounds of Summa in Wadsworth. At this time, the facility will be for males only.

Red Ribbon Week

Brian Nowak reported that the commissioners will be proclaiming October 22nd-28th as Red Ribbon Week in Medina County.

◆ **COMMISSION MEMBERS GO AROUND**

Cliff Nowak stated that he feels we're moving in the right direction to address some issues that may arise later and we have the answers to give to people.

*A moment of silence was held for the victims of the shootings in Las Vegas.

◆ **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Cliff Nowak moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Pat Nahrstedt. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:51 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 November 6, 2017.

Future 2017 Meetings

November 6
December 4

Future 2018 Meetings

February 5	June 4
March 5	September 10
April 2	October 1
May 7	November 5
	December 3

*Minutes provided by Rhonda J. Beck
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