



MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) Minutes of March 5, 2018

◆ ATTENDANCE

- Present
 - Evelyn Czyz - Township Rep.
 - Louis DeLoss - Township Alt. Rep.
 - Susan Kinney Dillon – Brunswick Alt. Rep.
 - Will Koran - School District Rep.
 - Pat Nahrstedt - Wadsworth Rep. (excused)
 - Holly Phillips – Commissioners’ Alt. Rep.
 - Cliff Nowak - Brunswick Rep.
 - Wally Schaedel - Villages Rep.
 - Kent Patterson - Police Chiefs Assoc. Rep.
 - Robert Starcher – Medina City Rep.
- Absent
 - David Centner – Commissioners’ Rep.
 - Matt Hiscock – Wadsworth Alt. Rep. (excused)
 - Amy Lyon-Galvin – Commissioners’ Alt. Rep. (excused)
 - Peggy Reeves – School Districts Alt. Rep. (excused)
 - Jeff Vogel - Commissioners Rep.
- Others Present
 - Gary Hubbard – Drug Task Force Director
 - 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 5:01 p.m. After roll call, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

◆ CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 5, 2018, were emailed in advance. Evelyn Czyz moved to accept the minutes as submitted; the motion was seconded by Cliff Nowak. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The minutes will be placed on file as submitted.

◆ PRESENTATION

Drug Task Force Director Gary Hubbard reported that Tad Davis retired in June and a replacement has been hired. Jackie Perkins will be retiring in July; he plans to bring in her replacement a month prior to her retirement for ample training time.

Mr. Hubbard has met with the new chiefs of police from Medina and Brunswick. He does not anticipate any personnel changes or changes with the MOU they currently have with the City of Medina. He stays in communication with Don Hall from Medway; their relationship is better than it’s ever been. They are getting more calls from the City of Brunswick Police Department and they have a good relationship.

Mr. Hubbard distributed and reviewed opioid overdose data from 2015-2018. The data is based on what has been provided from the police departments. In 2018, overdoses are down. In answer to a question, Mr. Hubbard explained that “gray death” is a combination of opiates including heroin, fentanyl and carfentanil. In years past, people started using heroin because of becoming addicted to prescription medications. The trend is now changing to people trying heroin just to see what it’s like. Drug users today have no idea what kinds of drugs they are getting because fentanyl and carfentanil are being used. The cartels have become aware that they are killing their clientele, so agents have been told to expect an increase in methamphetamine and cocaine; they have seen a large increase in methamphetamine. Mr. Hubbard stated that he attributes the decrease in overdoses to a combination of education and treatment. The average age per overdose last year was 32 (men) and 35 (women). Men outnumber women overdosing by 3:1. There was discussion regarding the amount of drugs being prescribed by doctors and emergency rooms. According to a recent study, in 2012 doctors in Ohio prescribed almost 800 million pain relieving pills; it is now down to a little over 600 million because of changing laws. Mr. Hubbard stated that they recently seized 21 kilos of cocaine and \$500k in cash (expect to receive approximately \$125,000); multiple agencies were involved. So far, 17 people have been indicted federally so far, of those, 12 were Medina County residents.

Continuing, Mr. Hubbard stated that President Trump has designated that federal funding for the Byrne Jag Grant will not go to sanctuary cities. In response to that, many sanctuary cities have filed lawsuits against the federal government. The Drug Task Force will not receive their share until the lawsuits are settled. Byrne Jag monies are used to pay rent, utilities, gasoline and vehicle maintenance; they will supplement that with asset forfeiture monies in hopes of that being reimbursed

to them when the lawsuits are taken care of. Governor Kasich has designated money for drug units such as theirs for the next two years. This year, they received \$29,693. It has been determined to use those monies for extending the agreement with Montville Township for an officer working the highways for a few more months, a new file server and vehicle maintenance. They are also going to a new report-writing system like the Sheriff at no cost to them.

The Operating Board recently met and approved the funding request to MCDAC for FY2018 in the amount of \$754,936. The \$1,500 increase represents a 3 percent increase for employees and increased indirect costs. Will Koran thanked Mr. Hubbard for keeping the request at a very reasonable increase. Brian Nowak stated that they appreciate the way they watch their budget, especially during a time in which school funding is being leveled off; they are doing a great job.

◆ **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business for consideration.

◆ **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business for consideration.

◆ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Brian Nowak stated that grant applications are due by April 6; all grantees have been informed. An email reminder was sent to the schools, the Career Center and the Sheriff's office regarding their maximum level of funding over the next two years. To date, there is only one new grant application – Recovery Center of Medina County; they will be attending the April meeting; Brian has asked them to attend and present at the April meeting.

The Home & Garden Show was held March 3-4; it was a success. The grantees provided coverage on Saturday and Brian covered on Sunday. Brian noted that 100 percent of the people that came up to the booth were completely supportive of what we do. Brian also noted that he received notice that last year was the last year for Family-A-Fair.

Upcoming events:

* <u>Opioid Task Force Meeting</u>	April 13	9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Location to be announced
* <u>Share Cluster Breakfast</u>	April 27	8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Williams on the Lake
* <u>Senior Day</u>	May 15	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Community Center

◆ **GO AROUND**

Pat Nahrstedt reported that she attended a meeting about prevention, education and family support at Medina County Library. She stated that Summit County has a booklet of all of the places where people can get treatment and help; they also have a deter program where they have activated-carbon bags where drugs can be put in them and thrown in the trash. Holly Phillips stated that in Medina County, they want to help support the 2-1-1 system so that anyone can call in for appropriate referrals. Because information is changing all the time, it becomes hard to keep a booklet updated.

Lou DeLoss stated that the back of the water bills had information regarding the sales tax; we should consider it when our levy comes back up. It's a good way to get information out. Will Koran stated it could be used to get the information out, but not to tell anyone which way to vote.

◆ **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Wally Schaedel 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 5:53 p.m.

◆ **NEXT MEETING/FUTURE MEETINGS**

Meetings are held at 5:00 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 April 2, 2018.

Future 2018 Meetings

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

*Minutes provided by Rhonda J. Beck
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