



**MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC)
Minutes of March 6, 2017**

◆ ATTENDANCE

- Present
 - David Centner – Commissioners’ Rep.
 - Evelyn Czyz - Township Rep.
 - Louis DeLoss - Township Alt. Rep.
 - Matt Hiscock – Wadsworth Alt. Rep.
 - Susan Kinney Dillon – Brunswick Alt. Rep.
 - Will Koran - School District Rep.
 - Pat Nahrstedt - Wadsworth Rep.
 - Wally Schaedel - Villages Rep.
 - Kent Patterson - Police Chiefs Assoc. Rep.
 - Peggy Reeves – School Districts Alt. Rep.
 - Jeff Vogel - Commissioners Rep.
- Absent
 - Cliff Nowak - Brunswick Rep.
 - Robert Starcher – Medina City Rep. (excused)
- Others Present
 - Brian Nowak - MCDAC Executive Director
 - Gary Hubbard – Medina Co. Drug Task Force 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 February 6, 2017, were emailed in advance. Wally Schaedel moved to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded by Kent Patterson. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The minutes will be placed on file as submitted.

◆ PRESENTATION

Gary Hubbard, Director of the Medina County Drug Task Force, announced that they had started a case in Medina County which expanded all the way to a drug cartel in Mexico. In this case, they seized 17 kilos of cocaine, ¼ kilo of heroin, a little over \$500,000 in cash and 6 people have been indicted federally. It is anticipated that within the next few weeks, around 70 people will be indicted in Medina County as well as surrounding counties. Mr. Hubbard noted that this is the biggest case he has ever been involved with, and he expects shockwaves to be sent through the Medina County drug community very soon.

Mr. Hubbard stated that their grant funding request has been reviewed and approved by their operating board as well as the COG. He reviewed the funding request for 2017 (made part of the permanent record) noting the following:

- 2% salary increase for all employees (\$10,129 higher than 2016)
- Lowered health care costs due to several employees changing to Plan 2 and one employee leaving in June; his replacement will not need county health insurance coverage (\$25,773 lower than 2016)
- Increases in contract services (\$15,000 higher than 2016)

This year’s grant request is \$1,365 higher than 2016. In answer to a question posed by Will Koran, Gary Hubbard stated that it is anticipated, though not guaranteed, that they will receive approximately \$145,000 from asset forfeiture from the above-mentioned drug case. Mr. Hubbard explained that the federal government takes

the first 20% off the top of any asset forfeiture, and the marshal service takes a percentage for maintaining the assets; at that point, approximately one-third is distributed at the county level.

Mr. Hubbard was thanked by everyone for all of his hard work. Mr. Hubbard expressed his appreciation to MCDAC for their continued support.

◆ **NEW BUSINESS**

Will Koran stated that due to anticipated scheduling conflicts, a chair pro tem would need to be appointed for the April 3 meeting. Kent Patterson nominated Evelyn Czyz; David Centner seconded the motion. Wally Schaedel moved to close the nominations; Jeff Vogel seconded the motion. Both motions passed unanimously.

◆ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Brian Nowak reported that in February, he and Lou DeLoss attended an opiate seminar in Columbus; there were 1,300 people in attendance with 80 counties represented. This goes to show how out of control the opiate epidemic is. Lou DeLoss noted that one of the suggestions was a quick response team to get out to those individuals right away and get them started on the help they need. He thinks that bringing in some of the EMT's that go out on the drug overdoses to schools to explain to the kids what these things are like may have a strong impact. He also believes a mandatory core curriculum about drug use should be in schools for the kids; not just the D.A.R.E. program. He stated that people from all over the state attended and a lot of good ideas were shared.

Mr. Nowak reported that Medina had its own Opiate Task Force meeting on February 22; this was organized by Phillip Titterington from the ADAMH Board and Krista Wasowski from the Health Department. The following committees were formed at the end of this meeting:

- Community Education Awareness & Prevention
- Family Support & Advocacy
- Health, Safety & Intervention
- Treatment Access & Availability

There was a nice turnout at the Brunswick Rec Center and it is hopeful moving forward within our own county, we will be able to bring everyone together and start making a difference.

Continuing, Mr. Nowak reported that the Home & Garden Show was this past weekend. He explained that the difference between this event and the Medina County Fair is that the Home & Garden Show people are there to walk around to the booths, so there is more interaction. Very positive questions and feedback were received.

Mr. Nowak noted the following upcoming events:

- Craving Addiction & Brain Science Workshop on March 22 at Weymouth Country Club - \$75 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.
- Share Cluster Breakfast on April 21 at Williams on the Lake, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend should email Sharon Danko or Brian Nowak. There is no fee.
- Family-A-Fair on April 29 at the Community Center

He also reported that he had received the contract from the Medina County Fair Board; the fair will be held July 31-August 6; a sign-up sheet for booth coverage will be distributed.

Grant applications are due Friday, April 7; all current grantees received notice of that. He has not heard of any new grants or expansion requests on existing grants at this time. Grant applications will be reviewed and discussed at the April meeting and voting will take place in May.

◆ **GO AROUND**

Jeff Vogel reported that a levy meeting will be held after this meeting.

Evelyn Czyz noted that Sharon Danko's father passed away; condolences were sent to the family.

◆ **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Evelyn Czyz moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Kent Patterson. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 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 April 3, 2017.

Future 2017 Meetings

April 3	September 11
May 1	October 2
June 5	November 6
	December 4

*Minutes provided by Rhonda J. Beck
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