

**MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2002**

Roll Call

Chair Wally Schaedel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He said that Pam Vereb, the recording secretary, is on vacation so minutes will be taped for transcribing later.

Present: James Bigam (Commissioners' Representative), Sharon Danko (Medical Society's Representative), Wally Schaedel (Medina City Representative), Kent Patterson (Police Chiefs' Representative), Lawrence Hering (Villages' Representative), William Koran (Schools' Representative), Joe Destro (Brunswick City Representative), Joe Lewandowski (Townships' Alternate Representative), Michael Jervis (Villages' Alternate Representative), Ron Likely (Wadsworth City Alternate Representative), and Cliff Novak (Brunswick City Alternate Representative).

Absent: Jeffrey Vogel (Townships' Representative), Ralph Copley (Wadsworth City Representative), Rick Schmidt (Police Chiefs Alternate Representative), and Julie Reeves (Medical Society Alternate Representative).

Also Present: Commissioner Steve Hambley and MCDAC Executive Director Kathy Yuzwa.

Review Minutes

Mr. Schaedel asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 7, 2002 minutes. Sharon Danko moved to approve the minutes and Lawrence Hering seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

MCDAC Commission Retreat – November 9, 2002, Saturday

Mr. Schaedel reminded the group about the retreat this Saturday at 8:00 a.m. He asked who was planning to attend. Since attendance was going to be small, the group decided to postpone the retreat to a later date. Ms. Yuzwa will come up with some December and January dates amenable to the facilitators and survey the members for the best days for the majority to be able to attend. Mr. Hambley said that another possible location besides the Hospital could be the Brunswick Human Services Building.

Mr. Koran made a motion to cancel the retreat scheduled for November 9th and Mr. Hering seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion was approved.

Red Ribbon Week – October 21st to 31st

There was a discussion about the Gazette insert. It was somewhat different this year. Ms. Danko said that the Health Department and some other agencies were never notified to advertise this year as they were in the past. Ms. Yuzwa said that the Office for Older Adult's Red Ribbon Ceremony to promote drug free Senior Citizens is on November 15th.

Drug Free Workplace Workshop – October 9th

Ms. Yuzwa said that it went well. There were about 30 people there and it was well received.

State Issue 1

There was a short discussion about the upcoming state issue. It was brought up that there was the same percentage of recovery if the treatment was mandatory or voluntary. There was consensus in the group that this should not be an amendment to the Ohio Constitution.

In other old business, Mr. Hambley said that he has since been given additional information and apologized for stating that Hands Across Medina County had not acted responsibly in a timely manner in dealing with their grant request.

New Business

Mr. Hambley stated that Kathy Yuzwa would be leaving the position of MCDAC Executive Director. Like her predecessor, she has resigned to move on to other fields of endeavor. Fortunately she will stay in the position until December 13th. This gives the Board about a month and a half to advertise and interview for her replacement. He passed around copies of her resignation, which will be formally accepted by Commissioners next week. Mr. Hambley said that Ms. Yuzwa came onboard in a time of relative risk because the MCDAC issue had not been passed on the ballot. She helped “rally the troops” to get the levy passed.

Mr. Hering made a motion to commend Ms. Yuzwa for the good job she did for MCDAC and for her efforts. Mr. Destro seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion carried. Everyone wished her good luck.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next MCDAC Board meeting will be Monday, December 2, 2002, 6:00 p.m. at the Human Services Building (lower level).

Mr. Patterson moved to go into Executive Session and Ms. Danko seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted AYE and the motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Vereb, Secretary