

# MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MEETING MINUTES

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

### ▪ **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Will Koran called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### ▪ **ATTENDANCE**

#### • Members Present:

James Bigam – Commissioners’ Representative  
Evelyn Czyz – Townships’ Alternate Representative  
Laura Dean – Medina Representative  
Roger Ingraham – Commissioners’ Alternate Representative  
William Koran – School Districts’ Representative

Cliff Nowak – Brunswick Alternate Representative  
Kent Patterson – Police Chiefs’ Representative  
Wally Schaedel – Medina Alternate Representative  
Ellen Stark – Wadsworth Alternate Representative  
Jeff Vogel – Townships’ Representative

#### • Guests Present:

Brian Nowak – MCDAC Director

#### • Absent:

Tom Acklin – Police Chiefs’ Alternate Representative  
Jack Higgins – School Districts’ Alternate Representative  
Michael Jervis – Villages’ Representative

Antony Kibogo – Commissioners’ Alternate Representative  
Gary Oliver – Wadsworth Alternate Representative  
Skip Toth – Wadsworth Representative

### ▪ **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair William Koran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the lower level conference room of the Professional Services Building.

### ▪ **REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes October 2 and 30, November 6, and December 4, 2006 were distributed to the Board in advance for review. Cliff Nowak moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Wally Schaedel. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

### ▪ **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ▪ Bylaws

Cliff Nowak stated that Brunswick City mayor and council had difficulty making appointments. He suggested that the terms of each entity’s representative and alternate expire on different years so that both wouldn’t expire in the same year.

Cliff Nowak moved that the bylaws include the staggering of terms for each entity’s representative and alternate so they expire in different years. The next time the representative is appointed, it would be for a three-year term and the alternate would be for a two-year term; thereafter, the terms would be for two years. The motion was seconded by Jeff Vogel.

Roger Ingraham stated that there isn’t really a problem. Cliff Nowak stated that the mayor didn’t want to appoint either the alternate or the representative. Will Koran stated that sometimes entities have a problem finding a person to fill vacancies; at least one person would, therefore, have voting representation. Mr. Ingraham said that the problem is Brunswick’s. Mr. Koran noted that they should ensure that every entity has representation and felt that Mr. Nowak’s suggestion makes sense.

There being no further discussion, all members voted affirmatively except Roger Ingraham who voted nay. The motion carried. Mr. Koran instructed Peggy Folk to change the bylaws and distribute them. Today would be the first review of the bylaws and the bylaws will be voted on at the March 5 meeting.

#### ▪ Strategic Plan

Brian Nowak stated that most of the objectives and strategies of the strategic plan fell on him, he took them and made an outline (distributed) of tasks to be done. Sustaining public support was the main goal; that also means involving and educating the community in what MCDAC does. One objective is to upgrade and enhance the county website. There are two websites – the county website and the *www.mcdac.com* website that was created by Jim Bigam and Deputy Robert

Locher. A MCDAC ad appeared in the *Health and Wellness* magazine in *The Gazette* on January 23, 2007 (distributed). The ad was different because it “plays” to the website to keep people informed and interact with the website. The ad also mentions the Anti-Drug Levy to tie it into MCDAC and MCDAC’s mission statement. Mr. Nowak will work at acquiring the hardware and software to support a website; that will be done once the final budget is approved (probably in March). In the meantime, Jonah Carpenter and Bob Locher are making website changes. The website has many links to other sites that can provide assistance.

In the same publication (and on the same page as the MCDAC ad) was a good article regarding alcoholism and addiction (distributed). There is a new cutting-edge treatment, Prometa™, but there is nowhere in Ohio that is doing this.

Regarding the objective of the director integrating deeper into the local community with other agencies, Mr. Nowak has already done some of the things. He has met with Brad Jenks, Brad Williams, and Gail Carmen to discuss treatment needs. He’s hopeful that one of their agencies will present a grant proposal to MCDAC. Wally Schaedel suggested that other county publications be included (Helping Hands, the Post, the Sun, Trading Times, etc.) and see if we can link our website to theirs. Cliff Nowak asked how Mike, Brad, and Gail fit into MCDAC. Brian Nowak stated that Brad Jenks is head of the Alcohol and Mental Health Board, Brad Williams is head of Solutions (provides drug and alcohol treatment and mental health services), and Gail Carmen is director of Alternative Paths (severely mentally disabled, jail service, and outreach services). At the present time, they do not receive support from MCDAC directly. Solutions has an employee that works directly with the tobacco grant.

Will Koran stated that there is a great deal of federal and state dollars for the ADAMH Board. Through the Medina City Schools, they access more funds because we have a co-grant with them. This enables them to obtain treatment funds for education so more state funds can be leveraged.

Brian stated that all of the semi-annual reports were received by the deadline of January 31. They are being reviewed and he will report at the next meeting on programs, successes, concerns, and struggles.

#### ▪ **NEW BUSINESS**

##### ▪ Commissioner Liaison

Mr. Koran noted that the new liaison is Commissioner Pat Geissman (she was the original liaison). Mrs. Geissman was unable to attend the meeting because there was a public hearing that she needed to attend.

##### ▪ Election

Kent Patterson moved to nominate Will Koran as Chairperson for 2007; the motion was seconded by Cliff Nowak. There were no other nominations and Mr. Koran accepted the nomination. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

James Bigam moved to nominate Kent Patterson as Vice Chairperson for 2007; the motion was seconded by Jeff Vogel. There were no other nominations and Mr. Patterson accepted the nomination. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

#### ▪ **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Brian Nowak reported that Peg Kitchen, Prevention Specialist at Medina City Schools, invited the Commission to view the award-winning Healthy Living posters that are hanging in Medina City Hall during February. The posters were made by third graders.

#### ▪ **TUPCF TOBACCO UPDATE**

John Waddell provided a written report that Brian Nowak distributed and reviewed (attached). The county is the fiscal agent for the grant, but the state specifies the allocation. It was noted that there are no prevention programs funded for schools. Ellen Stark reported that research shows that it doesn’t do much good to push prevention with students; it’s better to treat their parents to help them to stop smoking. Mr. Nowak stated that funding is more toward coalition development and educating leadership in the community that would be influential in finding funding to support other programs.

#### ▪ **COMMISSION MEMBERS – GO AROUND**

Laura Dean reported that a pancake breakfast will be held February 3 at Medina High School from 8:00-11:30 a.m.; it’s sponsored by the Medina City Schools Foundation and the cost of tickets is \$3. There is also a dessert auction at Blue Heron on March 3; the cost is \$75.

Jim Bigam stated he’ll be teaching a class regarding prescription drug use and abuse for the Medina City Schools’ teachers on their education day in March.

Will Koran noted that the Rotary’s Wine and Roses event would be held Saturday, February 10; tickets are \$99.

▪ **ADJOURNMENT**

Laura Dean moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Roger Ingraham. There was no discussion and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

▪ **NEXT MEETING**

The next MCDAC meeting will be Monday, March 5, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room of the Professional Services Building.

▪ **FUTURE 2007 MEETINGS**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Folk CPS  
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