

MEDINA COUNTY DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION (MCDAC) MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007

■ ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

James Bigam – Commissioners' Representative
Evelyn Czyz – Townships' Alternate Representative
Laura Dean – Medina Representative
Jack Higgins – School Districts' Alternate Representative
Michael Jervis – Villages' Representative

Rosemary Lempke – Commissioners' Alternate Representative
Kent Patterson – Police Chiefs' Representative
Wally Schaedel – Medina Alternate Representative
Ellen Stark – Wadsworth Representative
Jeff Vogel – Townships' Representative

Guests Present:

Michael Barnhardt – Medina County Drug Task Force
Brian Nowak – MCDAC Director

Jennifer Smith – Medina County Drug Task Force
John Waddell – Tobacco Coordinator

Absent:

Tom Acklin – Police Chiefs' Alternate Representative
Roger Ingraham – Commissioners' Alternate Representative
Antony Kibogo – Commissioners' Alternate Representative

William Koran – School Districts' Representative
Cliff Nowak – Brunswick Alternate Representative
Gary Oliver – Wadsworth Alternate Representative

■ CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Kent Patterson called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The meeting was held in the lower level conference room of the Professional Services Building.

■ APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 5 and April 2, 2007, were distributed to the Board in advance for review. James Bigam moved to approve the minutes; the motion was seconded by Laura Dean. All members voted affirmatively.

■ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Brian Nowak had nothing to report

■ NEW BUSINESS

Budget Transfer Request

Brian Nowak noted that there is a budget transfer request. Mike Barnhardt of the Medina County Drug Task Force explained that they had a surplus in the salary account of \$18,500; this was due to fewer employees than budgeted. They would like to transfer that money to other line items, including gasoline, rent, utilities, supplies, travel, and training. Jim Bigam moved to approve the budget transfer request; the motion was seconded by Jack

Higgins. All members voted affirmatively.

Review of Grants

Brian Nowak reviewed some of the agencies requesting grant monies for the 2007-08 year. He showed that the first page shows 2007-08 grantees' requested amounts. All of the current grantees applied for a grant. There are also two new grant requests – Medina City Police and Solutions Behavioral Healthcare. The grant funding for this year is \$1,307,500.00. The grant requests totaled \$1,545,006.90. If everyone was awarded their requests, \$237,506.90 would be over budget. The second column showed 2006-07 grant awards (ending June 30) totaling \$1,170,222. MCDAC will be able to award an additional \$137,278.

He noted that no grantee is making a change to their program from last year. FACT Spencer doesn't show because they're asking for \$5,900. They would like to expand their services in the Homer, Seville, and Lodi communities and the Black River and Cloverleaf school districts. Rebecca Rak will be present next week to address the expansion.

The Medina County Drug Taskforce and the Medina County Sheriff's Office are asking for large increases. There is no recommendation yet because Mr. Nowak is still working on those budgets and there will be a recommendation next week (May 14). Medina City Police and Solutions Behavioral Healthcare representatives will also attend the May 14 meeting. Medina City Police is asking for \$18,000 worth of equipment for their narcotics officer, \$10,000 of drug buy money, and \$7,000 for a vehicle lease. He has a copy of the grant; if anyone would like to review it, they were to contact Brian Nowak. Solutions Behavioral Healthcare is asking for salary and benefits money for an employee who will provide case management services for individuals who go into "detox"; the individuals must go outside the county because there isn't a facility in Medina County. The individuals aren't currently tracked; they finish their time in detoxification, leave, and there's no follow-up for treatment, counseling, or any form of case management.

Medina County Career Center has asked for a budget increase of \$5,000.00. The salary increase is for the student assistant specialist will become a full-time employee. Currently, this position is filled by a contract employee and work five hours a day for five days a week. When working full-time, she'll work five days a week, eight hours a day with an additional ten days per school year. The increased time will allow more detailed follow-through and she'll earn a salary and benefits. Jack Higgins will check to see if the superintendent is aware that this position would go from a contracted employee to a full-time employee. Usually, a person works 7½ hours a day with no additional days. It was noted that this person provides much one-on-one counseling.

The Medina County Juvenile Drug Court has requested an increase of \$40,000.00. Laura Dean noted that they are the only county agency that provides treatment and they work with the entire family. There were some questions from MCDAC members, specifically, whether or not the juveniles were at risk for being placed in out-of-home placement; Ellen Stark will contact them for answers.

Wadsworth/Medway has not requested an increase.

Laura Dean asked if Mr. Nowak had considered Medina's student population growth and the fact that services have been decreased. Mike Jervis noted that MCDAC's primary purpose is to fund programs and encourage grantees to find other funding and be self-sufficient.

Brian Nowak noted that anti-bullying and PRIDE surveys were removed from requested funding. He reviewed the following agencies and discussion was held regarding the following grantees:

Agency	2007-08 Request	2006-07 Award	Increase Amount	Recommendation	Increase
Black River	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$29,500.00	\$ 0.00
FACT Brunswick	\$20,600.00	\$20,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$20,600.00	\$ 0.00
Medina City Schools	\$88,873.50	\$77,346.00	\$ 11,527.50	\$79,005.00	\$1,659.00
Brunswick City Schools	\$78,278.40	\$69,344.00	\$ 8,934.40	\$71,488.00	\$2,144.00
Buckeye Schools	\$43,000.00	\$39,815.00	\$ 3,184.00	\$41,010.00	\$1,194.00
Cloverleaf Schools	\$71,000.00	\$66,080.00	\$ 4,920.00	\$68,362.00	\$2,282.00
Highland Schools	\$62,577.00	\$57,609.00	\$ 9,968.00	\$59,337.00	\$1,728.00
Wadsworth City Schools	\$83,303.00	\$75,730.00	\$ 7,573.00	\$77,210.00	\$1,480.00
Wadsworth Older Adults	\$24,916.00	\$23,000.00	\$ 1,916.00	\$23,000.00	\$ 0.00
Medina County Share Cluster	\$16,385.00	\$12,000.00	\$ 4,385.00	\$15,860.00	\$3,860.00

■ **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss.

■ **TUPCF TOBACCO UPDATE**

John Waddell noted that the Ohio governor wants to securitize the tobacco award. This means that the award would be taken as a lump sum instead of payments; it would mean getting 40-50¢ on the dollar. The House has agreed to the plan. Similarly, when someone wins the lottery and takes a lump sum, that award is reduced. The governor plans to use the money to help the elderly with property taxes to help prevent evictions. However, the money was awarded by the courts to aid in the prevention and treatment of tobacco use. Other states that have used the money for other purposes have seen a rise in tobacco use. For more information, go to www.SecureOhiosFuture.com.

■ **COMMISSION MEMBERS – GO AROUND**

Wally Schaedel noted that he attended a very nice Share Cluster breakfast.

■ **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further discussion. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

■ **NEXT MEETING**

The next MCDAC meeting will be Monday, May 14, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in Balcony Room B of the Administration Building.

■ **FUTURE MEETINGS**

All meetings are held in the lower level conference room of the Professional Services Building unless noted otherwise.

May 14	September 10	November 5	December 3
June 4	October 1		

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Folk CPS

