

November 20, 2008

First United Methodist Church
Heritage Hall
37 E. Beauregard
San Angelo, TX 76903

Minutes

Members in Attendance: Julie Alonso, Amanda Roper, Constable JB Hall, Garland Freeze, Kalton May, Mike Wyse, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, Diane Robinson, E. Angelina Osornio, Gary Smith, Karen Wells, Retha Fortenberry, Henry Gonzales, Marcie Perlman, Jill Love, Donna Masterson, Eric Sanchez, Gardner Wiseheart, Jamie Highsmith, Gerald Fohn

A. Welcome by Julie Alonso

B. Prayer by Bishop Michael Pfeifer

C. Brief introduction by E. Angelina Osornio – Drug Free Communities (DFC) Coordinator

Angelina and Julie presented ideas regarding restructuring the coalition design. Currently, the coalition has a sub-committee structure: Business Outreach; Criminal Justice; Events & Fundraising; Resources, Communications & Public Relations; and Youth. One alternative to the sub-committee structure is an activity group structure to allow members to focus on specific tasks rather than general ideas. Members could sign up to be part of a planning group for a specific event or activity so they could be part of planning and execution; results orientated. Members could commit to 3-6 months for an event than commit to 12 months to a committee and hopefully garner more member participation.

D. “Timeline of Major Events” and “Timeline of General Activities” tables introduced (see CARES Timeline of Events sans Committees file)

The table, based on the strategic plan for the DFC Grant, outlines each major event for the upcoming year: Coalition Symposium, Family Fun Day Picnic, etc. General activities are outlined, per event, with a tentative date/timeframe for event. Along with the “Major Events” table a “Timeline of General Activities” table was introduced. Each general activity/goals for coalition outlined (Increase youth/college participation, start and maintain a CARES website, etc). Sign-up passed around for people interested in event planning (see CARES Events Sign-up Sheet file).

E. Discussion regarding tables

Donna expressed ideas about structure of “Coalition Symposium”: hold event at the mall, have booths that contain direct/concrete resources available to public, resource sharing, with easier referrals for persons seeking help. Gerald expressed idea about coalitions meeting and sharing ideas with speakers at event. Retha expressed favoring activity group design instead of committee structure because it may allow for more involvement from members. Amanda

introduced herself as a student researcher at the *Community Development Initiative (CDI)* and explained favoring the activity group design because it would work well for college students' schedule. *CDI* involves the ASU faculty and students from the Department of Government, Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work in hopes of better linking ASU and the community.

F. Task Force

Originally, coalition was formed to address the meth problem in community and some members expressed interest in keeping that their primary focus. Julie introduced the idea of forming a Meth Task Force for members interested in that issue specifically. She also suggested a Prescription Drugs Task Force because it has become a large concern locally and nationwide. Prescription Drugs Task Force could host a "Prescription Drug Dumping" event with assistance of local law enforcement. The event would be held to allow people, namely parents/guardians, to throw away their unused prescription drugs so their children do not have the opportunity to obtain them for recreational use. Gerald asked if there would be a marijuana task force. Angelina explained these were tentative ideas and wants input from members regarding task force ideas.

G. CARES Logo

3 design options were passed around for members to vote on (*see Option 1 Logo, Option 2 Logo, and Option 3 Logo files*). Mike asked if the black and gold color scheme were fixed and mentioned the color blue as possibly symbolizing hope. Members were asked to vote on an option in survey.

H. Survey

Members were shown the survey in meeting packet and encouraged to answer questions, add comments/suggestions. Members in attendance took time to fill out survey and were collected at the end of the meeting. Survey (*see CV CARES Survey file*) will be emailed to member that did not attend meeting and will be asked answer and return the survey for their feedback. The survey can be faxed to 325-224-4923 or emailed to angelinao@adaccv.org and you can remain anonymous. Please return survey by Friday, December 5th. Next meeting will be set based on data collected from surveys. It will be in January and the location is to be announced.

I. Adjourn