



CV CARES Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

1:00 PM

First United Methodist Church – Heritage Hall

37 W Beauregard

San Angelo, TX 76903

Vision Statement: Our Dream is that through God's guidance, we unite our community, and create an environment that encourages the elimination of substance abuse, so that our children and families can thrive in a spiritual, moral, healthy, drug-free environment.

In Attendance: Mike Wyse, Marcie Perlman, Dr. Casey Jones, Ret. Constable JB Hall, Garland Freeze, Retha Fortenberry, Terri Irby, Cindy Jordan, E. Angelina Osornio, Julie Alonso, Heather Ward, Rebeka Lewis, Kalton May, Gary Smith, Kristi Buckingham, Roy Perez, Estela Davila, Jeannie Solis, and Eric Sanchez.

1. Prayer (Mike Wyse)

2. CV CARES 101 (Julie Alonso)

Julie went over the basic information every CARES member needs to know regarding coalition history, vision statement, and meeting dates and times. Please review attached document: *CARES DFC 101; Pg 1*

3. DFC 101 (Julie Alonso)

Julie covered the basic information every CARES member needs to know regarding the DFC Grant; goals, grant purpose, and the 12 sectors. Please review attached document: *CARES DFC 101; Pg 2*

4. Survey Results (E. Angelina Osornio)

Angelina asked membership to review the survey results in their packet and inquired if there were any questions, comments, or suggestions. Garland asked if the Heritage Hall was going to be our permanent meeting place. Julie mentioned another option to consider was the River View room of the San Angelo Health Foundation. Mike suggested the Heritage Hall was a large enough venue to accommodate membership comfortably, especially if we are hoping to increase membership. A motion was made and seconded for a vote. All voted to make the Heritage Hall our permanent meeting spot. Angelina confirmed she would be in touch with Rick Dyke to make the arrangements for the rest of the year. Please review attached document: *CARES Meeting Calendar*

5. Coalition Structure (E. Angelina Osornio)

A CV CARES Organizational Chart was introduced to membership to provide a visual aid regarding meeting types; please review document: *CV CARES Org Chart*. Angelina explained that participation involvement may vary from membership; some may want to be very involved while other may only be able to lend support. Per Angelina, all levels of membership support are valuable and needed. A sign in sheet was then introduced at the meeting that varied slightly from the standard meeting sign-in sheet. It asked members to circle all that applied in regards to their interest level of involvement: Steering, Quarterly Meetings, and/or Monthly action-focused meetings. The sign-in sheet was passed around.

Angelina named the 12 sectors that need representation in CARES Coalition Steering Committee to comply with the DFC Grant (on the DFC 101 doc). Currently, CARES is lacking coverage from the following sectors: Healthcare Professional, Law Enforcement (uniformed), Media, Governmental Agency w/expertise in SA Field, and Youth (under 18). Jeannie expressed her interest to rep the media sector.

6. Partnering Up With Other Community Groups (Julie Alonso)

Julie introduced Partners in Prevention idea along with an org chart; please review attached document: *partners in prev flow chart*. Julie discussed the ever-growing partnerships CV CARES is forming with some outstanding agencies and groups in the Concho Valley; one being with the CV Family Alliance (child abuse prevention). Heather Ward and Rebeka Lewis were at meeting as representatives of the CVFA. Julie and



Heather discussed how the CARES and CVFA both overlap in some areas because both groups focus on prevention. They also mentioned that both groups can pool resources together to form a larger picnic. Retha commented that she thought the partnership would be a great step and supported it.

Another partnership CARES is forming is with Community Development Initiative (CDI) at ASU. Dr. Casey Jones was present as a representative of the CDI. He provided some details about their group. They are allowing CARES to utilize their students so they can contribute to the CARES Coalition's efforts. Dr. Stewart is teaching a community development class in which ASU students will work directly with CARES to complete specific projects while learning from our coalition members. They are also providing us a student to complete some extensive evaluation services for the coalition which will ultimately support the efforts of member agencies and other local coalitions.

7. Upcoming Events/Activities (E. Angelina Osornio)

Angelina explained how the events can be extremely helpful for CARES coalition because it allows an opportunity to put the CV CARES name out to the community. Angelina explained that it is understood that the events are one day only and cannot "fix" all the issues but they also allow organizations (such as ADACCV, Living in the Light, CVFA, etc.) to disburse their information, especially to the underserved communities. These events will let the Concho Valley know CARES and partners are willing to be directly involved with the community, especially the youth. Jeannie added that she has people remember their event, "Working Together for a Drug Free Picnic", and approach her for months afterwards discussing the event in a positive manner. She explained how helpful it is to let people know who you are and what your groups are about. The following events Julie outlined in the grant are the following:

- a. Family Picnic
- b. Coalition Symposium
- c. 5th Grade Commencement Ceremony & CV Family Challenge

8. Break Into Activity Groups for Planning

Angelina announced this was the time for membership (those interested in participating on more of an action-focused level) to break away and sign-up for an event. Three tables were designated for the events previously mentioned. A fourth table was available for those interested in membership recruitment. Sign-up sheets were available. The break-away sessions lasted approximately 25 minutes.

9. Next Meeting

Angelina announced the next action-focused meeting information; DATE: Thursday, February 12, 2009, TIME: 1:00 PM, and LOCATION: 1st United Methodist Church - Heritage Hall, 37 E Beauregard