



CV CARES Action-Focused Monthly Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 09, 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.

Meeting Attendees: Bishop Michael Pfeifer, Steven Goligowski – Texas Workforce Commission, Phil Neighbors – Chamber of Commerce, Sammy Sablan – MHMRCV, Retha Fortenberry – Meals for the Elderly, Eric Sanchez – ADACCV, Lori Bunton – Rape Crisis Center, Sara ? – Rape Crisis Center, Mike Wyse – Catholic Diocese, Chris Deanda – City of San Angelo

1. Prayer (Bishop Michael Pfeifer)

2. Reading of Vision Statement (Retha Fortenberry)

3. Attendee Introductions & Member Announcements

Eric explained the impact CV CARES is having on the community. The ADACCV Alumni Group faces numerous concerns once leaving treatment. Initially, they are “gung-ho”, “excited” about their recovery but usually end up going back to their old environments that are unsupportive to recovery.

Comments from the Alumni Group, Residents of William’s House & Sara’s House find it refreshing to know that there are fun, free, family orientated activities available for the community – such as the Partners in Prevention Picnic in the Park. Eric also recognized the William’s House residents for their wonderful help at the picnic.

Eric also stated the impact our ads have to the public because they reinforce our message; repetition is a great learning tool. He also explained the impact the ADACCV prevention group has on our youth because they are constantly exposed to the prevention message.

4. Presentation: Sexual Violence Awareness Month – Lori Bunton – Rape Crisis Center

Lori began by explaining the great work the Central High School Senior Girls did on the Sexual Violence Awareness Campaign on campus. They had a week full of themed days (“Twinkie Day” – Friends pair up to take care of one another while out; “Mismatch Day” – to symbolize diversity). The Central Seniors took the campaign very seriously.

Clothesline – Airing Out the Dirty Laundry: Meant to strip away the shame of being a victim. Sexual assault victims write messages on an item of clothing to release pain and begin healing then hang them on a clothesline; to be displayed at ADACCV, ASU, & courthouse lawn.

Path of Shoes: 1871 pairs of shoes symbolize how many people are sexually assaulted, per day, in Texas. They will be set-up at ASU along with signs providing statistics and information.

Cup of Prevention: Cup sleeves with statements, such as; “Love is Respect” and “Stop the Violence”. Chartwells, Starbucks, etc plan on using these.

Stop Sexual Violence Conference: Tuesday, April 14, 2009, Angelo State University – Houston Harte University Center

- 3:00-4:00: Profiles of a Sexual Predator
- 4:00-5:00: Cyber Stalking/Predators
- 5:00-5:45: Pikes “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes”
- 6:00-7:00: Bystander Intervention Dynamics in Sexual Assaults
- 7:30-9:00: Alcohol & Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault

Available at no cost!



Bishop Pfeifer stated due to his experience in ministering, that he has learned that most sexual assaults occur within the home. Bishop also expressed a concern with the youth not truly being concerned with the act, only the consequence – STD, pregnancy, etc.

Lori explained some encounters at the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC): 10 yr. old that has already had 3 sexual partners, 13 yr. old does not have empathy/concern about their crime, etc.

Sammy explained these are family patterns – passing from one generation to the next.

Bishop recalled a statement Sheriff Joe Hunt made years ago about the need to build “good-strong families” being what our community needs.

5. Chris Deanda – City of San Angelo – Social Services Department

Chris explained their services: work with low-income families by paying utilities, buying a Rx, helping with co-pay.

They have classes available for families to teach them to be self-sufficient, money management, etc. Emergent help available for elderly.

TXU grant, WTU grant, and Atmos Grant to help with electric or gas is available (once a year to a family). The programs are not meant to support people just help in legitimate one-time emergency situations.

Retha asked if clients are referred or do they make direct contact with office. Chris explained both are means of contact.

Eric asked how many families are served and Chris explained 4000 last year. He also asked if there were age limitations for potential clients and Chris explained there was not one just income criteria.

For more information, call Chris Deanda at 657-4400 or email her at Chriselda@sanangelotx.us

6. FACE Billboards

Please review the link to tell us your choice! <http://www.faceproject.org/Outdoor.html>

7. Upcoming Events – Please Volunteer

- a. 5th Grade Commencement Ceremony – Friday, May 29, 2009, All SAISD Elementary Campuses
 - i. A speech by SAISD principal made to all 5th graders during the last day assembly congratulating their move to middle school. (Approximately 1100 5th Graders)
 - ii. All students will receive a tote bag with the CV CARES & SAISD logo filled with info for kids & parents and flyers with upcoming summer activities for youth
 1. If your agency has a family friendly event this summer and you have a flyer, please send over the info by May 1st to for SAISD review.
 2. Your agency will be notified if your flyer can be placed in the bag and you will have until May 8th to make 1100 copies for the bag
 3. Any help with filling 1100 bags will be greatly appreciated! We will begin stuffing them on Monday, May 11th.
- b. 2009 Community Symposium Hosted by CV CARES – Thursday, May 7, 2009, CJ Davidson Conference Center at ASU from 8:30-3:00 (tentative)
 - i. Details will be out soon!
- c. Concho Valley Family Challenge – Every Tuesday & Thursday night in June 2009 from 7:00-7:45 PM at Sunset Mall
 - i. Children’s Fair – Are you smarter than a 5th Grader?
 1. We need volunteers to work the CV CARES booth. Work what you can; 30 minutes – 1 hour; all help appreciated!

8. Next Meeting

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