

Wabash County Local Coordinating Council

AACTION

August 16, 2007 Minutes

Otis R. Bowen Center

Present: Dave Young – NMPD, Steve Hicks – WCSO, Liz Hicks – the Access, Bob Land – ISP, Dan Gray – Tobacco Free, Judy Roberson – Girl Scouts, Mary Ellen Clark – CASA, Helen Chambers – Hands of Hope/FSSI, Mike Crist – WHS, Laura Plummer – Parent, Monica Greer – ICJI, Tim McVicker – Bowen Center, Trisha Hanes – Wabash County Drug Court/Probation, Danette Norman Till – Manchester College, Judge Christopher Goff – Wabash County Superior Court. and Judge Robert McCallen – Wabash County Circuit Court.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Dave Young at 4:10 PM

I: Minutes.

Steve Hicks moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Mary Ellen Clark seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

II: Financial Report.

Financial Report presented by Dave Young. Judge Goff moved to accept the financial report as submitted. Helen Chambers seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

III: Committee Reports.

a) Articles.

August- Donna Bogert
September- Bob Land
October- Linda Wilk
November-
December- David Young

**Just a reminder, articles are due by the end of the month prior to the month for which you have volunteered to write.

b) Officers meeting to review grant reports.

Dave reported that letters were left with Agencies for which the Quarterly reports needed additional information.

c) Kid-O-Rama.

Kid-O-Rama will replace the Summer Movie at the Eagles as it is no longer offered. In the July meeting, discussion was started about the Access possible being an option; however, after reviewing the By Laws, the perceptions of the Access receiving an advance grant fell outside the By Laws and was disqualified. Kid-O-Rama will be the Helen Chambers and Dave Young presented information on Kid-O-Rama. It is on Saturday, September 15, 2007, from 10 am until 2pm at the Honeywell Center. Set up for the event is Friday, September 14, 2007. It is \$25 for the booth and the theme is “Land, Sea, and Air”. Judy added that communications she had with organizers said to expect 800 to 1,000 kids. At first, Dave suggested buying Balsa Wood Planes that have drug free slogans on them, 250 for approximately \$250. However, adjusting for the number, paper with the AACTION logo will be available for folding a paper airplane. Additionally, supplies for decorating the airplanes will also be available.

V: Old Business.

a) The Access – presentation by Liz Hicks.

Liz Hicks presented information about the Access. Brochure was handed out. The Access is a Christian based origination on Canal Street in Wabash, Indiana, that offers various programs to the youth of Wabash. The Access prides itself as being Tobacco, Drug and Alcohol Free. Additionally, they provide

a “safe place” to be. Attendance has been approximately 60 youth per weekend. The Access is adding programs that will build the give youth supervised opportunities they would not other wise be afforded. Steve Hicks seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

b) Other old business.

Community Bridge Project is working with Visionary Design and will be contacting agencies soon with further details.

VI: New Business.

a) Resignation of Valerie.

Ms. Valerie Dowdal, the administration secretary for AACTION, has resigned her position.

b) Recommendation to hire new Administrative Assistant.

Dave presented Mrs. Laura Plummer of LaFontaine as the candidate for the AACTION administrative assistant. She has worked out of her home since the birth of her son. Robert McCallen made a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Valerie Dowdal as AACTION administrative assistant and hire Mr. Laura Plummer as the AACTION administrative assistant.

c) 2008 grant requests available at next meeting.

Grant request packets will be available in the September meeting. Grant requests are due back by the October meeting and discussed and awarded in the November meeting. The County Commissioners will be reviewing the grant request in December and County Counsel in January of 2008. To maintain grants, attendance must be 60% and 75% to maintain voting rights.

d) Start discussions on CCP update at next meeting.

Discussion will start at the next meeting about the CCP. We have a good basis to start with. This is the reason for increased amount of information needed on quarterly reports for grants.

e) Regional training & Annual Meeting/ awards.

Preparing Strong Communities is the Northeast Regional Training offered by IJC. Handout was given. The training is \$35. AACTION will pay the registration fee for any one (1) person from a participating agency to attend the conference. September meeting is the cut off for notification of your attendance. The Annual meeting in on November 2, 2007, at the Eagle’s Nest in Columbia City, Indiana. Local agencies will be applying for awards given out at this meeting.

f) Other new business.

VII: Regional Report- Monica Greer.

Month newsletter was handed out. Monica highlighted the Many Voices – One vision conference. August is prevention month. She announced that she has “Meth Card” that can be given to First Responders.

VIII: Community Sharing.

Monica handed out August Announcements. She reported that Kids Count Conference is December 5th and 6th. Monica has tamper tags for anhydrous ammonia tanks available.

VII: Community Sharing.

a) Many Voices-One Vision report.

Helen spoke about the Many Voices – One Vision conference. She enjoyed the conference and learned a lot of information.

c) Manchester Public Safety Day.

There were approximately 200 people that went through. Dan Gray and Brenda Jacoby staffed the AACTION booth.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Otis R. Bowen Center located at 255 North Miami Street, Wabash, Indiana, at 4 p.m. on September 20, 2007.