

Wabash County Local Coordinating Council

AACTION

September 20, 2007

Otis R. Bowen Center

Minutes

Present: Keith Whiting – NMPD, Steve Hicks – WCSD, Liz Hicks – the Access, Pat Lyn – Prevent Child Abuse, Dan Gray – Tobacco Free, Judy Roberson – Girl Scouts, Deb Finch – SHS After Prom and SHS PEP, Mary Ellen Clark – CASA, Helen Chambers – Hands of Hope/FSSI, Donna Bogert – YSB of Wabash County, Teresa Jones – Kids 1st Daycare, 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, and Sara Bowlin - Manchester College.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Helen Chambers at 4:03 PM

I: Minutes.

Steve Hicks moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Trisha Hanes seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

II: Financial Report.

Financial Report presented by Donna Bogert. Donna reported that all bills are paid, including Kid-O-Rama. Judy Roberson moved to accept the financial report as submitted. Helen Chambers seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

III: Committee Reports.

a) Articles.

November- Danette Norman-Till

December- David Young

January- Deb Finch

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

IV: Old Business.

a) 2008 Grant Requests are available online.

2008 Grant Requests are available online at aaactionwabash.org. The officers asked that you print your requests for the website to limit paper costs.

b) CCP Update.

Laura is beginning to collect data from various agencies. Monica asked that members begin collecting data for the problem statements from your agencies. The October meeting will be the only chance for members to discussion the CCP in depth with each other.

c) Registration for Regional Training is due today. October 10, 2007 at Elegant Occasions in Huntertown.

Helen, Mary, Tim, Steve and Liz will be attending this training.

d) Annual meting is November 1, Eagles Nest Columbia City.

Dave will need to know by the next meting if you would like to attend this meeting. AACTION will cover the cost, as long as funds last.

V: New Business.

a) Bowen Center meeting update.

Dave had a meeting with Bill Stephan, the new director of the Wabash office of the Bowen Center. Tim McVicker was also present. Bill is willing to assist with a much better explanation of Bowen Center funding than has been made previously. He is also willing to share statistical information with us as well as the Commissioners and Council.

VI: Regional Report- Monica Greer.

Monthly newsletter was handed out. Monica reported that Salvia is a marijuana like substance that is an herb available in Herb Stores. Videos of the consumption of Salvia can be viewed on youtube.com IM Summit is for high school students. This is a free conference that takes 3-4 students and 1 adult from a school and provides training that, upon return to the school, can be implemented school wide to address issues in the community. September is Recovery Month. Monica briefly talked about Meth Reporting for Law Enforcement; however, wanted Dave present for extended discussions.

VII: Community Sharing.

a) Kid-O-Rama.

Helen spoke about Kid-O-Rama. Greg Tomlinson of the North Manchester Police Department made a lot of sailor hats and airplanes. These items were decorated with AACTION stickers.

b) October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Helen reported that on October 8, 2007, at 7:00 pm Congressman Burton will be at the church on 4th and Nebraska in Marion, Indiana, to give a testimonial about growing up in a domestic violence home and breaking the cycle. On October 16, 2007, at noon, there will be a rally on the Wabash County courthouse lawn. Judge Goff will speak about addressing domestic violence issues. Additionally, 76 crosses with shirts on them will be placed on the lawn of the Wabash County courthouse to represent the lives lost to domestic violence in Indiana last year.

c) Regret.

Deb reported that the Regret program at the Eagles Theater was good; however, the high school students were disappointed that there was not a strong message towards abstaining from alcohol completely. Denette reported "Moving Forward with Regret...What Will be Your Legacy with Sean Jamian will be September 24, 2007, at 7:00 pm at the Cordier Auditorium, Manchester College.

d) Other.

Steve reported that the Wabash County Tobacco Stings were successful. These stings were sponsored by AACTION. Additionally, memorial stickers for Master Trooper David Rich are available at Wabash County Sheriff's Department and North Manchester Police Department. They are \$5 each and proceeds go to the memorial fund for Rich's children.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 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 October 18, 2007.