



## Community Drug Coalition

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***Our Mission:***

***“To improve the health and safety of our community by decreasing alcohol and other drug use among our youth.”***

Blaine County Community Drug Coalition

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 22, 2008

1pm

Community Campus in Hailey

Present: Wally Miller, Jan Salser, Larry Schoen, Rose Beck, Eric Thomas, Julie Venslauskas, Cynthia Carr, Julie Carney, Jerry Sullivan, Steve J. England, John Sweek, Teresa Espedal, Holly Carter, Tricia Swartling, Tyler Lohrke, Kelly Nicholson, Erin Pfaeffle, Dayle Ohlau

### **Coalition Infrastructure**

Two new members have been welcomed to the Governing Board: Blaine County Prosecuting Attorney Jim Thomas, Blaine County Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram, and community member Travis Reed.

Teresa Espedal is continuing her work on a membership application for the coalition.

Coalition members are urged to share ideas regarding hiring a grant writer for the Drug Free Communities Grant. The Request for Proposal will be released in January. Join Together Northern Nevada has shared their DFC Grant proposal for our review. The CDC will form a DFC Grant committee in the near future.

Erin Pfaeffle led the discussion for Outcomes Goals. The school district has agreed to help widen the State Department of Education survey this fall. The sample group will now survey students from Wood River High School and Wood River middle School, in

addition to Carey High School, and the Silver Creek Alternative School. The survey will be conducted this fall.

The search for a new CDC administrator has begun. Interviews will begin next week. A news administrator should be announced by the end of October.

### **Select and Implement Programs, Practices, and Policies**

Ad #3 for the Local Theatre Campaign has been added to the rotation with the current schedule at our local theatres. Ad #4 will hopefully focus on a youth member from the community.

The Fall Conference brochures are now available and the CDC website has been updated with information about the Fall Conference. Alfie Cohn is the keynote speaker addressing parenting and behavioral issues. He'll be speaking in Ketchum and the Community School on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and in Hailey at the Community Campus for the conference. The Advocates will provide childcare. Eric Thomas is organizing the Resource Fair. Day of Conference volunteers are needed. There will be a Community Café hosted by Cynthia Carr, as well as "Telling It Like It Is/A Dialogue with Teens" symposium. A Conference meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 1:30 pm, at Diamonte Wellness. Unsung Hero nominations were discussed. Nominations are needed. CDC members are not eligible for nomination.

Teresa Espedal and Larry Schoen reported on a regional meth forum coming up at the end of October. A number of coalition members will attend the form on Oct. 22. NACo educational forums offer county officials access to expert knowledge and insight, information about innovative models of policy and practice, and help developing solutions to the important challenges facing our communities. NACo will offer a series of regional training opportunities to convene and educate county elected officials and their community treatment and prevention partners on effective strategies to reduce methamphetamine use. The forums are designed for community teams of county elected officials; including local substance abuse professionals, sheriffs, law enforcement professionals, probation and court personnel, prevention, treatment, and health and human service professionals. NACo and the Idaho Association of Counties will sponsor the second forum in Ada County, Idaho this fall targeting the Northwest Region (Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and South Dakota). NACo is offering these forums through support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

The registration fee is \$100 per attendee.

The Wood River Middle School PTA kicks off "Project 7<sup>th</sup> Grand" on Thursday night, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 at the middle school. Hailey Police Officer Steve England brought handouts about the program. This project is not a school district sponsored program, but

a PTA sponsored program. Project 7<sup>th</sup> Grade is a fully funded innovative drug prevention program designed to dramatically reduce drug use in the middle schools through education and proactive prevention. The program is offered to parents of middle school students nationwide through a partnership between notMYkid, a non-profit organization, and First Check, a home drug testing company.

### **Grant and Fiscal Management**

Holly Carter provided our BJAG update report. The continuation report for 2009 monies has been submitted thanks to the report written by Holly Carter and Teresa Espedal.

With the continuation monies, an Administrator will be paid through the next calendar year, with approximately \$6,000 remaining for programs for the remainder of the year. Holly urged local fundraising planning to pay for additional programs.

### **Open Floor**

Dayle Ohlau offered a future protocol discussion about parents' procedures when a discovery is made in our community that kids are meeting after school or on weekends with plans to use/abuse alcohol and drugs. Holly Carter suggested a FAQ section be added to the website to address these issues. Dayle will contact the CDC website manager, Steve Guthrie, about the possibility of adding this feature to the website.

### **Next Meeting**

The next coalition meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2008, 1:00, in room 211 at the Community Campus in Hailey.