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MINUTES: CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE
Monday, January 4, 2010 - 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Glad Tidings Church, 275 W. Viola Street, Casa Grande

1 Introductions

Donna McBride, Pinal County Juvenile Courts, Chairman	Isabel Vasquez, Casa Grande Fire Department
Cindy Schaider, Executive Director CGA	Tamara Slavik, Pinnacle High School
Jan Skelley, Prevention Specialist CGA	Olga Delsi, Cenpatico
Kathy Zak, Admin. Asst. CGA	Sallie Brown, Volunteer
Shannon Ortiz, Pinal County Attorney's Office	Sue Riese, Learning Adventures
Mark Vanderheyden, Seeds of Hope	Isabel Vasquez, Casa Grande Fire Department
Thomas Anderson, CG Police Dept.	Rudy Ernst, Pinal Hispanic Council
Michael Brubaker, Michael Brubaker Counseling	Linda Alvey, Visitor
Pastor Roy Edwards, Glad Tidings Church	Blanca Varela, 2010 Census Committee
Richard Campbell, Adult Probation	Leigh Riese, Visitor
Dawn Kinnard, Visitor	

2 Review and accept minutes, corrections: December 2009 minutes:

With no corrections to be made, a motion was made by Sallie Brown and seconded by Thomas Anderson to accept the minutes as electronically distributed; membership vote unanimous to accept minutes.

3 Presentations: *To better understand what each agency does and how we can collaborate*

3.1 Blanca Varela – Census Project 2010

The importance of having a full count of people living in Casa Grande will provide more funding from the Federal Gov't. Last census provided \$300.00/person; \$400.00 is expected from this census. Ten easy to answer questions will be asked residents to provide demographics. Brochures and pamphlets are available for reproduction; intention is to reach "every" person living in each town. Last census, 46,000 were reached at 56% of population. Aim to reach 70% with this census. Previous gaps were due to immigrant population being distrustful. Assistance centers will be set up to assist people with language difficulties.

3.2 Thomas Anderson – Casa Grande Police Department

As Crime Prevention Officer, Thomas coordinates the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program which he expects to expand by including mobile home parks. This program aims to improve the quality of life for residents. He also is responsible for Bicycle registration and safety as well as the Block Watch Program. Thomas will assist anyone wishing to set up a Block Watch which essentially is "neighbors watching out for neighbors." Bringing people together and getting them to know each other is the most effective way of averting crime. The Vacant Homes Brochure and the Nixle Program were briefly mentioned.

3.3 Lt. Harry Grizzle PCSO – Marijuana legalization issues

Lt. Grizzle has just returned from three months of training at the FBI. He has just been transferred into a different position which prevented his attendance today.

4 CGA, Inc. Administrative Report

4.1 Director's report: Celebrating Success! (data from DFC 2008/2009 program year) Cindy

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This program report includes a description of our goals and accomplishments, what we did and the results of same. Numerous collaborations have developed: Mash in Maricopa and Coolidge Youth Coalition in Coolidge (both now DFC grantees), Apache Junction, Florence, along with the Pinal County Anti Meth Coalition. A major accomplishment shows that despite a youth population increase the number of MIPs has remained the same and that the more contact the youth receive via classes and videos, the lower the recidivism rate.

4.2 Grant application to Arizona Parents Commission – Cindy

Due on 1/22/10, this grant will provide state directed dollars, our application theme is to provide education to youth and parents as a pair; educate and engage parents.

4.3 CADCA Dose of Prevention award; award's video documentary – Cindy

Focusing on over-the-counter drug abuse, this award will be presented to Cindy and Donna McBride (Chairperson) at the February National Forum. Cindy read a congratulatory letter from State Attorney General Terry Goddard.

5 Reports: (as needed)

5.1 Membership – Mark

Mark is speaking with some individuals for potential membership.

5.2 Enforcement: Harry Grizzle & Donna McBride

5.2.1 Drug Surveillance Network – reports on drug use trends: law enforcement, all members

The New Year's Eve DUI Checkpoint on Florence Blvd. was a multi-agency endeavor. Student members of SADD and community members assisted with food and making sure the 50-55 officers had something to eat. They were given the opportunity to tour the mobile command units and saw officers administer a sobriety test to a handcuffed individual. They learned that being impaired affects a person's decisions. A passing by student from Vista Grande saw the banner, stopped, and expressed interest in having a SADD chapter at that school.

5.2.2 MIP alcohol & tobacco classes – Blanca Varela update on new classes

Blanca has taught two classes at the new CG location with another schedule for this Saturday (1/9/10). She is amazed by student reactions and feel most learn something new from classes. She also teaches in Scottsdale where the classes are through the school system and parents have mandatory attendance with their children. Parent attendance causes great awakening to this problem.

Richard Campbell of Adult Probation: Currently 9 are enrolled in Drug Court Program with 3 on more planned for enrollment.

5.3 Supporting other prevention efforts:

5.3.1 One More Step coalition: Billie Davis MLK day celebration details 1/16/10 – Absent Shannon Ortiz said the event will begin at 10 am and that there will be guest speakers, entertainment all day and free food.

5.3.2 Arizona Underage Drinking Committee/ASAP: "Employers and UAD" webinar information Cindy will conduct a webinar on the topic of using employer workplaces as a means of reaching parents/families. More information will be emailed as soon as it becomes available.

Discussion re: UAD Committee letter writing campaign citing Old Navy's sale of t-shirts bearing alcoholic messages. Pastor Roy Edwards made a motion, seconded by Sallie Brown, that a letter be written and signed by Donna as Chair and Cindy as Executive Director stating our wish that all shirts be pulled. Membership supported this motion unanimously. Individuals were encouraged to write their own letters.

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5.4 Community Awareness:

- 6** 12/10/09 – Cholla School Anti Drug Rally REPORT – Mike Brubaker said this was a great event and that he enjoyed participating. Staff would like opportunity to do this in all schools.

6.1.1 Calendar of events (and upcoming collaboration opportunities): members

- 1/16/10 – MLK event
- 1/16/10 – Free medical screening clinic 9am – 2pm at Glad Tidings Church
- 1/23/10 – Chamber of Commerce Expo – Drug Turn-in will be conducted
- 1/25/10 – Cut-a-thon with 5 participating salon benefiting Seeds of Hope
- 1/26/10 – Crime Forum with Terry Goddard and Pinal County Atty. Jim Walsh
- 3/20/10 – Seeds of Hope fundraising dinner
- 6/3-6/4/10 – Matforce in Yavapai County substance abuse and collaboration conference

6.2 Tres Pueblos Project – Rodolfo Calvillo absent – no report

6.3 Youth Leadership

6.3.1 **SADD:** Participated in DUI stop on New Year's Eve; will meet tomorrow

6.3.2 **Youth Commission:** Feeling difficulty of loss of two youth in CG

6.4 Treatment, Support and Advocacy

Mike Brubaker: Treatment funds are available for gamblers; information will be sent to membership

7 Updates from around the table, other issues; items for FEBRUARY agenda

7.1 Announcements:

- Dawn Kinnard: Sexual Addiction support group started in CG – call Dawn at 623-217-7067 for information.
- Members collaborating:
Dawn to call Kevin Hoy re Behavioral Health Providers
Dawn to present at EAM meeting – Mark will facilitate
- Cindy: New support group for Lap Band Surgical weight loss – Ray Zak with Cindy's assistance will host meetings at Alliance offices. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please give them our phone number.

7.2 Agenda items for next meeting – Monday 2/1/10

- Suggestion from Pastor Edwards: set a round table discussion re: fundraising for the Alliance to replace 40% decrease in grant monies.

10 Minute Presentations Scheduled for February:

Mark Vanderheyden – Seeds of Hope programs

Matt Lemberg – Boys and Girls Club *Smartmoves* project

10 Minute Presentations Scheduled for March:

Tamara Slavik – Pinnacle High School

Isabel Vasquez – Casa Grande Fire Department

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Zak, Administrative Asst.