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**CORRECTED MINUTES: CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE**  
**Monday, February 1, 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	Richard Campbell, Adult Probation Drug Court
Cindy Schaider, Executive Director CGA	Tamara Slavik, Pinnacle High School
Harry Grizzle, Pinal County Sheriff's Office	Billie Davis, One More Step
Jan Skelley, Prevention Specialist CGA	Kevin Hoy, Cenpatico
Kathy Zak, Admin. Asst. CGA	Beth Russell, CG Middle School
Shannon Ortiz, Pinal County Attorney's Office	Melissa Jirsa, Teen Challenge Home or Hope
Mark Vanderheyden, Seeds of Hope	Diane Swanson, Teen Challenge Home of Hope
Nancy Crouch, Pinal County Health Dept	Leigh Riese Learning Adventures
Janelle Horsley, Yang & Yang Dentistry	Katie Streck, Sequel Care
Dawn Kinnard, Visitor	Rudy Ernst, Pinal Hispanic Council
Michael Brubaker, Brubaker Counseling	Isabel Vasquez, CG Fire Dept.

**2 Review and accept minutes, corrections:** With no corrections to be made, a motion was made by Diane Swanson and seconded by Nancy Crouch to accept the minutes as electronically distributed. Membership vote unanimous to accept minutes.

**3 Presentations:**

**3.1 Mark Vanderheyden – Seeds of Hope:** Seeds of Hope is a Christian community development agency that sponsors many programs to assist the community. Six churches are represented on the Board of Directors. Programs include: youth development, VITA site, hot-lunch program, working with Food Banks, after-school program, peer leader development, Grandparents raising grandchildren support group, community garden, family literacy help. Many opportunities will exist for volunteers with the 4000 sq. ft. Westside Community Center at Albert Cruz Park upon completion. A Jobs for Life 8-week mentoring program will be established at the new facility. The annual fund-raising dinner is Saturday, March 20 at 5:30 pm.

**3.2 Matt Lembergh – Boys and Girls Club – Smartmoves Project:** This program has been in existence for ten years providing skills mastery and drug resistance training. Their focus is on 5<sup>th</sup> graders before they enter middle school, chosen in part due to the results of CG Alliance needs assessment data which indicates this age as high risk. Plans to train students in all nine schools this year, three have been completed thus far. The eight week program targets character growth, self-esteem and good decision making. The CG Police Dept. partners in this program and provides training in the 9<sup>th</sup> week. Future plans are to survey middle schools to see if results are positive. Viewed as a long-term project, Smartmoves cost \$1200.00 per school; funding comes from a New York Life grant and RICO funds.

**Comments:** Beth Russell of the Elementary School District would like the opportunity to possibly partner with the Boys and Girls Club. She and Matt will see how this would be possible.

**4 CG Alliance Administrative**

**4.1 Director's Report - Cindy**

- ◆ 2/2/10 – CGA filed for a grant to partner with the Boys and Girls Club Smartmoves project to provide the parents component. We hope to hear by the end of February.
- ◆ Website design costs \$1600.00. Donations received by CGA will provide the funds. Discussion around reasonableness of cost; members clearly indicated that it seems so; Billie Davis stated Richard Rosales also designed One More Step's website. Posting ad banners is one way of defraying the costs.

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- ◆ Presently working on Drug Free Communities renewal; due 2/22/10.

#### 4.2 Administrative issues:

- ◆ Census site at CGA, Inc. 3/19-4/19: The Census will provide assistance in sites around the city for residents having difficulty answering questions. A motion was made by Mike Brubaker and seconded by Mark Vanderheyden to allow use of CGA's office space by Census personnel; vote by membership unanimous.
- ◆ Re: the letter to GAP about the t-shirts being sold at Old Navy, a corporate response indicated they would consider sending our comments to their merchandising teams.
- ◆ Thank You card from Janelle Horsley for support she received for the "Spark a Smile" project. Samples of homemade cards were passed around.

#### 4.3 Fund raising for CGA prevention: Pastor Roy Edwards – Absent ill today.

### 5 Reports:

#### 5.1 Membership:

##### 5.1.1 Five Minute Prevention 101 Training – Jan:

Jan presented the concept of evidence based prevention: prevention programs need to be shown through practice and/or research as being effective at solving the identified problem(s) in a community. There is a national registry of evidence-based programs (NREPP) as well as several other registries (OJJDP has one, Univ of Kansas, Univ of Colorado, etc). When we want to create a prevention program, we need to either choose one that is proved effective, or be prepared to gather sufficient data to show how our new, creative program makes positive changes in the community.

#### 5.2 Enforcement: Harry Grizzle & Donna McBride

Cindy relayed a report from Mark Bonsall indicating that an arrest was made based on a tip from Silent Witness Program. Seizures included marijuana and firearms. The "Bearcat" has arrived-this SWAT vehicle was purchased with RICO funds collected by working with Chandler PD on undercover drug operations. Sgt Bonsall previously indicated that his detectives literally risked life and limb to work these cases.

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

Harry Grizzle is back from FBI training and working on the County Drug Task Force – a resurgence of PCP found with Coolidge at the center of the matrix. Dipping cigarettes into PCP is current manner of use. The western desert major pathway for smugglers with backpacks. Gaining national attention, the movement is non-stop. Medical marijuana: each state has different controls; Harry believes this can lead to abuse of the system.

Stats show that during January 2010, 1835 pounds of marijuana seized along with 3 vehicles. Two alleged child molesters were located and arrested; Lt Grizzle re-activated these two cold cases when he moved into the Detective unit.

Richard Campbell: Ten people enrolled in program with two waiting for approval. Drug court is held on Wednesday at 2 pm in Judge Bains' courtroom. Evidence based practices is the way probation services is directed.

#### 5.3 Supporting other prevention efforts:

5.3.1 **One More Step** – MLK Event – Billie Davis: Well attended by youth, plans for next year will include a day of service. Restaurants were very generous with donations of food; attended by approximately 750 people. The *Do You* campaign with 19-24 year old reformed young adults will mentor youth to build self esteem and to stand up for themselves against gangs. Billie is scheduled to present "Girls and Gangs" to Girl Scouts at their state-wide conference on 2/18/10.

5.3.2 **Arizona UAD Committee/ASAP** - Webinar March 4, 9 am on workplace UAD – Cindy: Cindy will conduct this webinar with others informing them how to integrate an underage drinking model into their workplace program.

#### 5.4 Community Awareness

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**5.4.1 Crime Forum report** - Kathy Zak: excellent forum with panel including State Attorney General Terry Goddard, Pinal County Attorney Jim Walsh, CG Police Chief Robert Huddleston, Pinal County Supervisor David Snider. Moderately attended (43 people, most of whom were staffers) the audience was given an opportunity to ask questions relating to fraud and other crime topics.

Mary Kortsen made reference at the last City Council meeting that information was needed on vacant homes; 50 copies of CGA's Vacant Home brochure provided to City Hall and Cindy presented brochures to Councilmen at the subsequent Council meeting. This brochure was also mentioned in the Dispatch by Harold Kitching.

**5.4.2 Town Hall on Underage Drinking? Discussion:** \$500.00 available through Tres Pueblos project requiring a regional meeting. Outcome of discussion: three youth town halls: one at CG Middle School, one at CG High School main campus, and one at Pinnacle High School Billie will help facilitate the town halls drawing on her experience with youth town halls in Eloy. Beth will handle the Middle Schools, Tamara will liaison with Pinnacle, and Jan Skelley will liaison with CGUHS and SADD; town halls may be held the last week of April.

- ◆ Beth Russell: article to appear in Lifestyles' June issue focusing on youth; testing will be conducted in April.

#### **5.4.3 Members' Calendar of Events**

- ◆ 3/20 Celebrating Diversity at Peart Park – Gay Alliance – LGBTQ population
- ◆ 3/20 CGPD Safety Fair and drug turn-in event at Target parking lot
- ◆ Parent teacher meetings: 2/11, 2/19 and 3/25 – Volunteers needed – see Jan

#### **5.5 Tres Pueblos Project** – no report

#### **5.6 Youth Leadership**

**5.6.1 CG Youth Commission** – Donna McBride: Members will be attending Leadership training at the end of March.

**5.6.2 SADD Chapter** – Jan Skelley: Good attendance at meetings. Students will be presenting at Casa Grande Middle School on 2/12. Young people are working on a walk-a-thon fundraiser. Glenda Sulley has agreed to be Vista Grande's SADD advisor.

#### **5.7 Treatment, Support and Advocacy:**

**5.7.1 System advocacy:** kudos and concerns: CGA's treatment card is being updated to reflect changes in local providers.

**5.7.2 Grandparents group:** Kith/Kin workshop on 3/12 – Mark: Collaborating with Cenpatico, CGA's prescription drug danger boxes will be displayed.

### **6 Updates from around the table, other issues; items for FEBRUARY agenda:**

#### **6.1.1 Announcements:**

Nancy Crouch spoke of youth tobacco inspections. 14 businesses were inspected in Florence and Coolidge. Failures: 4 owners and their clerks were cited. Casa Grande and Maricopa will be inspected during April. A letter of thank you with a certificate was suggested for passing businesses.

2/6: 12 youth from One More Step will put stickers on liquor bottles at Circle K's.

2/11: Spark a Smile card party

2/13: Therapy and support group for sexual addiction

3/2: Home of Hope fundraising dinner

4/30: Mini career conference for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Casa Grande Middle School

6/3-4: Matforce of Yavapai County holding conference in Prescott – info to follow

### **7 Agenda items/presenters/training needs for next meeting**

#### **7.1 Announcements**

**7.2** 10 Minute Presentations Scheduled for March:

Tamara Slavik – Pinnacle High School

Isabel Vasquez – Casa Grande Fire Department

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For 2010, we have collapsed the size of our agenda to allow more time for dialog. If you wish to have something placed on the agenda, please email Kathy at [zak.kathy@gmail.com](mailto:zak.kathy@gmail.com) no less than one week prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Zak Administrative Asst.