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

1 Introductions

Cindy Schaider, Executive Director CGA Cindy Schaider, Executive Director CGA	Beth Russell, CG Middle School
Jan Skelley, Prevention Specialist CGA	Kevin Hoy, Cenpatico
Kathy Zak, Admin. Asst. CGA	Olga Delsi, Cenpatico
Mark Vanderheyden, Seeds of Hope	Renee Louzon-Benn, Sun Life Health
Pastor Roy Edwards, Glad Tidings Church	Mike Brubaker, Michael Brubaker Counseling
Tamara Slavik, Pinnacle High School	Melissa Jirsa, Home of Hope
Sallie Brown, Volunteer	Leigh Riese, Learning Adventures
Rodolfo Calvillo, Tres Pueblos - PHC	Ted Riese, Visitor
Isabel Vasquez, CG Fire Department	Luis Garcia, Visitor
Richard Campbell, Adult Probation Drug Court	Rodney Williams, AA, Visitor

2. **Review and accept minutes of February 23, 2010 meeting, corrections:** Corrections: Add to list of attendees: Michael Brubaker and Isabel Vasquez; correct spelling to Leigh Riese's name. A motion was made by Rodolfo Calvillo and seconded by Pastor Roy Edwards to accept the minutes with the above-listed corrections; membership vote unanimous to accept corrected minutes.

3. Presentations:

- ◆ **Tamara Slavik** – Pinnacle High School: This charter school started as an alcohol and drug prevention program. There are schools across the US, and 632 students enrolled in Arizona with 156 in Casa Grande. Three time sessions are scheduled with 20 hours required each week. The diploma is recognized with stringent requirements to meet the 21 credits for academics. Additional focus is placed on emotions and career/vocation. Student may be enrolled for credit recovery, on probation or attend by choice, such as professional musician or athletes who attend virtual classes to maintain academic learning. Attending our meeting were Pinnacle students Thomas Slavik and Desi Morez. Desi graduated 1-1/2 years early due to involvement in student leadership and received a scholarship to continue her education. Tom is working towards a license as a helicopter pilot and finds the scheduling enables him to complete the extra studies.
- ◆ **Isabel Vasquez** – CG Fire Department: Isabel has 22 years of working in the fire department service in various capacities: paramedic, captain and presently as a prevention officer replacing "Safety Sara". Isabel teaches classes in English & Spanish to juvenile probation, elementary schools, CPR to all ages and senior communities. She stated that juveniles charged with arson receive 8 hours of counseling and that trouble youth tend to start fires as a means of acting out. The Smoke Detector program puts donated detectors in the homes of targeted areas; done by volunteers, this is a very successful program. The next CPR class is March 10 from 8:15 am – 2:30 on at the Fire Department. Call to sign up or use the city website www.casagrandeaz.gov – click on Fire Department to find Isabel's page.

4. CG Alliance

4.1 Director's Report:

- AZ Parents Commission parenting skills grant awards: Grant awards have not been announced as yet; feeling is that CGA is unlikely to receive award.
- CADCA Conference: Unable to attend the CADCA conference due to weather on the East Coast, Briana Kreibich of the Governor's Office was in attendance and received the Dose of Prevention Award on our behalf. The award is etched glass and is displayed in our office.
- A position is open on the CGA, Inc. Board of Directors. Meetings are quarterly; anyone interested should contact the Director.

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4.2 Fundraising for CGA prevention - Pastor Roy Edwards: To further raise community awareness and with grant opportunities diminishing, new avenues must be explored such as holding a banquet, golf tournament or pancake breakfast. Finding backing from a large company, celebrity sponsor would attract others to come out. Pastor Roy offered to chair a fund-raising committee and Isabel Vasquez and Sallie Brown offered to assist. Ideas:

- Fundraiser dinner
- Golf tournament
- Silent auction
- Fly-in for breakfast
- Pancake breakfast
- Spaghetti feed
- Corporate outreach for an ongoing sponsor of events or Alliance (Abbott nutrition?)
- Celebrity sponsorship of events
- Softball tournament – seniors or non-seniors

5. Reports:

5.1 Membership:

Five Minute Prevention 101 Training: Dose of Prevention Video – Cindy: The CADCA video highlighting the efforts of the Casa Grande Alliance was shown to the membership.

5.2 Enforcement – Harry Grizzle & Donna McBride:

5.2.1 Drug Surveillance Network – reports on drug use trends: Lt. Harry Grizzle emailed his report stating that in the last week five loads of marijuana and rifles were seized from two different stops. Heroin is turning up more frequently and without the need to use a needle (it is smoked), it is being used more frequently. Melissa of Home of Hope said several new entries in their program admitted to heroin use.

5.3 Supporting other prevention efforts:

5.3.1 PCAMC: MFR planning event – Cindy: “Managing for results” by county department heads, the countywide goal is to reduce drug use. Cindy helped them realize their work already included prevention efforts.

5.3.2 Arizona UAD Committee/ASAP: Webinar March 4 – Cindy: Cancelled, this webinar will be rescheduled and new date info sent out.

5.4 Community Awareness:

5.4.1 Town Hall on Underage Drinking update – Billie Davis: Billie is collaborating with Jan Skelley, Tamara Slavik and Beth Russell to moderate sessions between April 26 through May 26 with an opt-out clause for students. Twenty questions will be asked expecting straightforward answers and great conversation with 20-30 youth only; no other people will be present providing for anonymity. The questions will be offered to the PCAMC for use by other coalitions. Billie will be moderator at these sessions.

5.4.2 Members’ calendar of events:

- ◆ 3/20 CGPD safety fair and RX turn-in at Target parking lot: The event is 10 am – 4 pm, but the collection will be 10 am – 12 noon only and handled by Cindy Schaidler as a volunteer by the Pinal County Attorney’s office, and CGPD officer. Flyers will be distributed to local pharmacies to help advertise the collection.
- ◆ Elementary School Anti-Drug Rallies: Scheduled throughout May, volunteers will be is needed; list is on emailed Calendar of Events.
- ◆ New outreach campaign: “Drugs Not Now – Not Ever” will be printed with a large red hand on t-shirts. The design was approved by coalition members with a fundraising sale of \$15/shirt or 2/\$25. Motion was made by Rodolfo Calvillo and seconded by Isabel Vasquez on this plan. Membership vote was unanimous. It was also suggested to purchase button pins with flash. Pastor Roy Edwards pledged a \$500.00 donation on behalf of Glad Tidings Church to help our efforts to teach prevention to the elementary school youth.

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5.5 Tres Pueblos Project: Recognition event for Cities – Rodolfo

- On April 9, 2010, a luncheon will be held to honor the City Councils, law enforcement and members of Casa Grande, Coolidge and Eloy, as well as the Pinal County Board Supervisor for their support of passing the Social Hosting Ordinance.

5.6 Youth Leadership:

- 5.6.1 CG Youth Commission – Donna McBride: Absent – no report
- 5.6.2 SADD Chapter walkathon – Jan Skelley: On 3/6 Jan will participate in a walkathon fundraiser for four SADD students to attend the National conference being held in June. Sign-up sheet distributed.

5.7 Treatment, Support and Advocacy:

- 5.7.1 Systems advocacy; kudos and concerns
 - ♦ Casa Grande Alliance treatment resource cards were distributed. The cards were revised to reflect new resources in our area.
 - ♦ Per Kevin Hoy of Cenpatico: Cenpatico is very limited in paying for services to individuals for General Mental Health or if SMI, if they are not AHCCCS eligible. Cenpatico does have NTXIX SAPT funds that will pay for treatment services if an individual is not AHCCCS eligible and has a substance use diagnosis. Re-entry program: inmates would have to be found to have a substance use diagnosis, in order for providers to evaluate them while incarcerated. However, these funds cannot support counseling inside a correctional facility. The state is looking at greatly reducing funding for the entire state's behavioral health crisis system. There has not been confirmation on when or if this will occur. Flyer distributed that the state designed and has required treatment providers to display in their office lobbies. This flyer announces that there are SAPT funds available for targeted populations, such as pregnant women, and women with children.
- 5.7.2 Grandparents group: Kith/Kin Workshop 3/12 – Mark: Program will run 9 am – 2 pm with lunch and child care and teach people how to advocate for “yourself and child”, explaining the 504 process. Alliance staff will attend with Home Dangers Displays.
- 5.7.3 Adult Probation Drug Court – Richard Campbell: Richard thanked Kevin Hoy for his assistance in getting a client into treatment pronto. Preparation of a state-wide grant (due in June) will allow raising the cap to 15 individuals. One client who is 90 days’ sober is in need of funds to maintain residence at TLC. She is working very hard to meet all program requirements. Donations were made from Alliance membership individuals and \$125.00 from the coalition to assist this young person. Richard is looking for someone to serve on a drug-court expansion committee to help with planning at quarterly advisory meetings. Cindy will represent either the Alliance or PCAMC based on a second person’s affiliations.

6. Updates from around the table, other issues; items for March’s agenda

- 6.1 Announcements
- 6.2 Agenda items/presenters/training needs for the next meeting

10 Minute Presentations Scheduled:

April – Donna McBride of Juvenile Court Services
May – Beth Russell of Casa Grande Middle School

For 2010, we have collapsed the size of our agenda to allow more time for dialogue. If you want something place on the agenda, please send Kathy an email (zak.kathy@gmail.com) **no less than 1 week prior to the meeting.**