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MINUTES: CASA GRANDE ALLIANCE
Monday, May 3, 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	Thomas Anderson, Casa Grande Police Dept
Cindy Schaider, Executive Director CGA	Tamara Slavik, Pinnacle High School
Jan Skelley, Prevention Specialist CGA	Emily Wetter, Cenpatico
Michael Brubaker, Brubaker Counseling	Nancy Crouch, PCHD
Shannon Ortiz, Pinal County Attorney's Office	Billie Davis, One More Step
Mark Vanderheyden, Seeds of Hope	Melissa Jirsa, Home of Hope
Leigh Riese, Learning Adventures	Tammy McCarville, PHC
Rodolfo Calvillo, Tres Pueblos	Arlisa Crank-Townsend, Home of Hope
Sandy Keeton, PGCCS	Ellen Martinez, Glad Tidings
Pastor Roy Edwards, Glad Tidings Church	Beth Russell, CGMS and 16 student guests!

2 Review and accept minutes of April 5, 2010 meeting, corrections: A motion was made by Mark Vanderheyden and seconded by Thomas Anderson to accept the minutes as electronically distributed; membership vote unanimous to accept minutes.

3 Presentations: Beth Russell brought 16 of the students at CG Middle School involved in her drug abuse prevention peer leadership program. Following a short PowerPoint slide presentation about the project, each student shared what they liked best about being a part of this A+ Award winning program. This is the first year that students who heard the program as 6th graders were participating as 8th graders. Each student found unique and special ways the program positively impacted their lives and the lives of their family and friends.

4 CG Alliance Administrative

- 4.1 Director's Report: distributed via email – no questions
 - AYS data 2004-2008: Cindy distributed a chart of Arizona Youth Survey data on substance use, risk and protective factors, and key data markers for the DFC grant project. The report was generated by ACJC at her request and clearly shows that youth drug and alcohol use (in general) has decreased, there are mixed results in the various risk/protective factors, and age of initiation has gone down (kids are trying alcohol/drugs at younger ages). We will compare these results to the AYS report from 2010 when it arrives this Fall, and make action plans based on the results.
- 4.2 Fund-Raising Committee Report: Pastor Roy Edwards – no report

5 Reports

- 5.1 **Membership:** no report
- 5.2 **Enforcement:** Discussion about Deputy who was shot last Friday pursuing illegal immigrants smuggling marijuana, and resulting 24 hour search south of CG by over 100 officers from around CG and Phoenix. Outcome: Deputy is recovery from gunshot wound on his back (get well card circulated here) and 17 persons arrested following search of 10 square mile area. Total of 100 illegal immigrants found in the search area in a 24 hour period.
 - 5.2.1 Operation Fertile Ground community response plan: Cindy distributed and reviewed the plan with all members. She and Officer Anderson will continue work on neighborhood Block Watch program setup. CGUHS has checked to see if any of their students might have family members in the indictment list – 1 did – and school will reach out (gently) to make sure family is doing

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okay. CGESD is doing the same. Jan has distributed treatment cards and drug awareness information to 75 doctors in the past 2 weeks, to alert them to resources in case addicts come to them for treatment or drug seeking. Suggestions from members on how to get the word out about the availability of treatment (for addicts with interrupted supply of drugs): churches, ads in free papers like Wampus and Starwatch, Channel 11 (City) and 28, Grande Vision Radio, flyers at convenience stores. Staff will follow through.

Drug Surveillance Network – reports on drug use trends: Heroin is clearly making a comeback, especially among age 20 somethings. Mike B. is seeing heroin users in his practice, many of whom started on Oxycontin (heroin is cheaper). Members say users are scared of meth because of the great media attention and Az Meth Project activities, but nothing is said about heroin. Also, PCP is back (Angel Dust) – Cindy gave a 5 minute update on what this drug is, who uses it, and symptoms of use. Use is seemingly localized to African American gang-affiliated population. PCP looks like apple juice and is stored in jars. The recent DEA enforcement action discovered an abundance of this product in our region.

5.3 **Supporting other prevention efforts:**

5.3.1 PCAMC: Funding report – Cindy: \$1,000.00 received from PCAMC via the GRIC grant has provided funding for the "Red Hand" t-shirts and decals for banners.

5.3.2 MASH coalition has a Coordinator position open – contact Mary Duarte at Against Abuse.

5.4 **Community Awareness:**

5.4.1 Town Hall on Underage Drinking – Billie Davis: 32 students participated at CGUHS. Preliminary results indicate parents are allowing youth to drink at home, including their school friends, but taking their car keys 'for safety'. Kids think MJ should be legal at age 18. Starting alcohol use as early as age 6, commonly by 11 or 12. Two more town halls this week.

5.4.2 Doctor Outreach project – Jan took packets individualized to specialty to 75 doctors, specialists, dentists, labs and hospital.

5.4.3 Calendar of events -

- ◆ Oasis: Jan tabled along side some of our members; unfortunately no treatment agencies attended. Many people were there, including many who asked about treatment needs. Several 'no show' agencies despite commitment to be there.
- ◆ Elementary School Rallies – Jan: two this week, and adding St. Anthony's to the schedule.
- ◆ Calendar of Events – distributed via email.

5.5 **Tres Pueblos Project** – Rodolfo: Three coalitions (Tres Pueblos) co-hosted a nice luncheon to thank law enforcement and city council members. Project ends in June.

5.6 **Youth Leadership**

5.6.1 CG Youth Commission – Donna: Two of our students won cash awards at the recent Town Hall, and one was voted Student of the Year for Town Hall. The youth sponsored a game night for youth participants and facilitated youth track workshops. Did very well!

5.6.2 SADD Chapter– Jan Skelley: Eight students are coming to every elementary school rally and doing skits; VERY effective.

5.7 **Treatment, Support and Advocacy:** System advocacy: kudos and concerns - none

5.7.1 Drug Court: Update – Richard, Cindy: Youth drug court is going well, inc. graduating students with their GEDs and a very active parent education component, with presentations from some of the CGA members. Adult Court is working to expand the number of participants if possible. Held a social services/probation summit and some of our members attended.

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

- ◆ Nancy distributed packets on the summer coalition Institute for Youth, in Flagstaff
- ◆ Arlisa is looking for more partnerships with Home of Hope

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- ◆ Does the group want to participate in the National Rx Take-Back Day November 13? YES
- 6.1 Announcements:
 - ◆ Mark: Thursday is the 53rd Annual National Day of Prayer, in Peart Park at 5:45
- 6.2 Agenda items/presenters/training needs for next meeting
 - 10 Minute Presentations Scheduled:**
 - June – Arlisa on Home of Hope’s new programs
 - July – NO MEETING.