



# Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse

## *“Strengthening Today’s Youth Builds Our Future”*

601 J Street  
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Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2010 – Peru State College

Present: NADAA Director Laura Osborne, YADA Coordinator Kayleigh Baker, NADAA Clerk Ashleigh Boeve, Board Member Carie Allen, Board Member Brent Lottman, Board Member Holly Riley, Amy Reynoldson, Elaine Hanson, Seth Bingham, Trisha Ondracek, Meagan Wood, Jackson Boeve, Drew Mayerbach, Mary-Jo Parker, Josh Osborne, Les Stonebarger, David Swanson, James Arena

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The meeting started at 4:00 pm. The minutes from the March meeting were approved on the motion of Mary-Jo Parker and seconded by Les Stonebarger. The motion was carried.

The group began by discussing the new law passed in Nebraska that will give local governments the power to allow bars to stay open until 2 am instead of the current 1 am. Amy Reynoldson stated that the Liquor Control Commission plans to educate its commissioners, who will then be able to inform local boards about the pros and cons of this law.

Establishments want to stay open until 2 am because they believe they will make more money. In other states, some bars have begun using a “soft closing time”, where they will stop serving alcohol at 1:45 but continue to serve non-alcoholic beverages and food. Doing this keeps patrons around, transitioning them so they are not just out on the streets at 2 am as soon as the bars close. This has alleviated some issues with drinking and driving as well as violence, as it gives patrons some time for the alcohol to subside in their system. Laura mentioned that currently she has not heard of anyone establishment in Nemaha county requesting to stay open until 2 am.

For NADAA’s participation in the SPF SIG regional grant, Laura has been working with an eight county team in Lincoln on the media campaign “Take a Stand”. The first inserts of this campaign will be in the paper around Memorial Day weekend. The inserts will target underage drinking, drinking and driving and binge drinking.

Laura reported that the Lifesavers Conference she and Kayleigh attended went really well. Laura and Kayleigh will be writing up reports about the conference that they will highlight at the next meeting.

Carie Allen and Brent Lottman will be sending letters to the homes of graduating seniors again this year. The letters are a reminder that this is a joyous time in these students lives and that celebrations should be appropriate for youth. The letters also state the problems that could arise as well as the legal ramifications that could ensue for both parents and students who celebrate outside of laws. Five Rivers RC&D has offered to pay for postage for the letters.

The bottles of water labeled with messages from NADAA have been completed and delivered to both AHS and JBHS for their proms. Johnson Brock prom is Saturday, April 24, and Auburn prom is Saturday, May 1.

The May meeting is the last one scheduled, so the group discussed what should be done for the June meeting. There was some discussion among the group, and it was decided that the June meeting will be held at noon on Tuesday, June 22 at Peru State College in the Student Center. At the meeting, the group will determine the time and date of the July meeting.

Kayleigh began YADA updates reporting that the Red/White Tailgate was a success! 53 students attended with YADA. At the Region V event, they had pizza, cookies and soda. The youth were also able to participate in relay races, duck duck goose, and other games, and were able to mingle with students from other schools.

YADA once again cleaned the portion of highway they adopted. The pick-up went well. The students keep track of how many alcohol containers, tobacco products and drug paraphernalia they come across and compare it with the previous pick-up to see if they numbers have gone up or down. Compared to the first pick-up, the numbers went up.

Posters were hung at Johnson Brock with facts and statistics about prom night. YADA will be hanging posters at Auburn this coming week for prom weekend.

The Underage Drinking Task Force is working on the town hall. Ads promoting the event will be in upcoming editions of the newspaper, although it will not be promoted as a town hall, but as a "free event". The ads will highlight the main ideas of the event that will be held May 6 at the Auburn 4-H building and begin at 5:30 pm. There will be stations where YADA students will teach people to make fun, non-alcoholic party drinks and snack food. There will also be a panel discussion with youth on how to create a youth focused party. Law enforcement has been asked to be there to present some information on penalties of underage drinking as well as procuring for minors.

Seth Bingham reported that he attended a social hosting seminar last week which emphasized having a safe social hosting environment. Peru State College is working on a population level program, trying to get engaged in the community and how PSC fits into that. Tuesday, April 27, PSC will be having a Wellness Fair, put on by the Wellness Committee. The fair will provide information and activities about all areas of wellness. NADAA will have a booth at this event.

Amy Reynoldson agreed that the Red/White Tailgate was a success! She noted that the next big thing for youth is June Jam. YADA's three Youth Action Board members, Brandon Petet, Laura Teten and Brent Comstock will be on the youth staff this year, as well as YADA member Ben Dixon. There are 182 participants already registered for June Jam in addition to 50 staff members and 22 sponsors.

Region V is currently working on a youth conference to be held in Park City, Utah. YAB members Brandon, Laura and Brent have all committed to go to the conference.

The Southeast Community Band Fundraiser for NADAA is set for May 23 at the First Presbyterian Church in Auburn. In addition to the concert, there will be a silent auction. Charlotte Olson, NADAA's Federal Officer let Laura know that NADAA staff cannot help with the fundraising portion, so volunteers will have to step up for the silent auction. Carie Allen volunteered to be the treasurer at the event and Mary-Jo Parker agreed to help procure items to be auctioned. A volunteer is needed to help organize auction items. Some other offerings from the group were from Les Stonebarger, who offered some of his wife's homemade jelly to be auctioned, Elaine Hanson and Seth Bingham will put together a PSC basket, and Carie Allen will use her connections in Brownville to put together a tour.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Ashleigh Boeve  
Office Clerk

**Next NADAA Meeting  
Tuesday, May 18, 2010  
Johnson Brock High School  
4:00 pm**

