



Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse

“Strengthening Today’s Youth Builds Our Future”

601 J Street
Auburn, NE
68305

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2009 - 12:00 Noon – Peru State College Student Center

Present: NADAA Director Laura Osborne, YADA Coordinator Kayleigh Baker, NADAA Secretary Susan Kruse, Board Member Sheriff Brent Lottman, Board Member Carie Allen, Tammy Timms, Les Stonebarger, Alicia Miller, Jari Wehmeier, Bud Christenson, Mary-Jo Parker, Josh Osborne, Jacob Buss, Brannon Petet, Laura Teten, Harold Silvey

The minutes from the May 20, 2009 meeting were approved upon the motion of Susan Kruse and seconded by Carie Allen. The motion was carried.

Laura Osborne began by highlighting several coalition activities and subsequent needs for volunteers.

A response should be provided within the next week about the federal block grant application which included funding to conduct a county-wide campaign in July focusing on underage drinking and impaired driving prevention. The campaign would include a Town Hall meeting on risky behaviors of Nemaha County youth other than alcohol consumption (as shown by the Risk and Protective Factors Surveys). Funding was also requested to purchase give away items for our fair booth to help reinforce the July campaign messages. If the grant is awarded, Laura will need help planning the Town Hall meeting. Regardless of the federal block grant, help will be needed in creating the fair booth which is to include an interactive display for parents and caregivers.

The Auburn Optimists have offered to have YADA assist them with their fireworks stand this year and in return will donate a portion of the proceeds to YADA for their activities. Laura noted that when the Optimists share their stand schedule, there may be a need for some adults to help a few shifts. The stand will be operated June 26th through July 4th, noon to 10 pm daily.

Volunteers are needed to man an informational table at the July 4 pancake feed at the Auburn 4-H building 7 to 10 am. Those who can assist are asked to let Laura know.

Anyone interested in helping with the county fair parade and/or booth should contact Ashleigh or Laura. The booth set up will occur on July 26, and the fair will be July 27-29.

Laura advised that the coalition has been awarded a Region V mini grant to conduct a Parent Forum Night with the assistance of the faith-based sector and Blue Valley Behavioral Health. This event will invite parents to come together for a meal followed by open discussion about their concerns about their youth. Blue Valley personnel will be on hand to discuss signs and symptoms of substance abuse/dependency and to help provide information about access to their services. Faith based partners will also be on hand to provide information about how their congregations can help families prevent substance abuse. The Parent Forum will be held sometime in August or September. If you would like to help plan this, contact Laura.

Laura advised that our Federal Project Officer will be visiting July 15th, the date for our next regular coalition meeting. Space in the Auburn City Council Chambers has been reserved for this meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Kayleigh Baker introduced youth present at the meeting and had them tell the group about their experiences earlier that week at June Jam regional youth drug-free camp. This year, there were 7 Nemaha County youth attending and 2 Nemaha County youth on staff.

YADA held its first clean up of it's Adopt-A-Highway section of Highway 136 west of Auburn. Kayleigh advised that they are tracking how many alcohol containers, how many tobacco items and how many other drug items are found and will compare it each time they conduct a clean up.

The youth presented their environmental scan to the Nemaha County Fair Board and is planning to present it next week to the County Board.

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Susan Kruse provided an update from the After School Programs committee. NADAA's grant application to support the program was not approved, so now our focus will be identifying ways we can support the UNL Cooperative Extension since they have a paid person through a grant to provide after school programming. The committee will also look for other funding opportunities.

Jari Wehmeier, Admissions Representative for PSC, was introduced by Laura. Jari spoke to the group about the PSC New Student weekend, which she is coordinating this year due to the resignation of Sara LaBrie. Jari advised that there will be an event in downtown Peru on August 22nd from 5 to 7 pm to give students a chance to learn about opportunities in the community and surrounding area. The group agreed that NADAA could have a booth at this event highlighting their work with the on-campus task force.

The coalition was reminded that the Red Ribbon Week Family festival is set for Saturday, October 24th – this year it will be held at the Auburn High School campus. This event will feature a new partnership – the Auburn Music in the Park committee has stepped up and offered to provide entertainment and assist with publicity. Katy Billings has indicated a willingness to organize a fundraising fun run for that date as well.

Laura noted that the Underage Drinking Task Force needs to be revitalized – there is a pending grant application which may provide funding for that group to develop and conduct a multi-media campaign.

The claims report will be sent out with the meeting minutes.

Other regular monthly reports were attached to the agendas for members' review.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Laura Osborne, Coalition Coordinator

**Next NADAA Meeting
Wednesday July 15, 2009 @ Noon
Auburn City Hall**

We are a group of citizens and organizations working together to improve and maintain the health and safety of all citizens of Nemaha County, Nebraska including the reduction of substance abuse among youth.