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Nemaha Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse “Strengthening Today’s Youth Builds Our Future”

Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2010 – Peru State College

Present: YADA Director, YADA Coordinator Kayleigh Whisler, Ashleigh Boeve, Jackson Boeve, Drew Mayerbach, Mary-Jo Parker, Riley Grable, Carie Allen, Alex Waltington, Seth Bingham, Amy Reynoldson

The meeting started at 12:00 pm. Minutes from both the April meeting and May meeting were approved on the motion of Mary-Jo Parker and seconded by Carie Allen. The motion was carried.

The concert fundraiser was a success! Laura was really pleased with the results of the first fundraiser. She expressed her gratitude for all those who assisted in making that event a success.

The Special Olympics torch run will come through Auburn on July 16th. The Chamber of Commerce is planning a celebration including refreshments and a barbecue to be served at 12:45 pm, followed by activities and games going on at Auburn High School from 1:30 to 3:30pm. NADAA will be helping run some of the games and is still looking for volunteers to help. We are in need of four volunteers, so if you are able to assist please contact Laura at nadaacoordinator@yahoo.com or Ashleigh at 414-1482 or at nadaaoffice@yahoo.com.

The community surveys funded by the Federal Block Grant were sent out two weeks ago. Some have been returned to NADAA by the post office due to vacancies and incorrect addresses. When recipients complete the surveys, they are asked the place them in the self addressed stamped envelope to be sent to Mike Shain at the AIM Institute. The intent of the survey is to see how the county views drug and alcohol use and abuse, if they are familiar with NADAA and how they know about us.

NADAA was planning to have a booth at the Cooper Safety Fair, however, the fair was postponed due to flooding.

Laura attended the Tips Beverage Server Training to become a certified instructor to teach the Tips training to local sales clerks and wait staff. Carie Allen noted that this is a great benefit to NADAA because in the future we will not have to bring in an outside trainer to hold beverage server trainings for our county.

The YADA Relay for Life team did a really great job and earned enough money (\$1,700) to be a Bronze Fundraising Club team. This was a great team effort by the YADA students, and Kayleigh is really proud of how they worked together.

YADA students returned from June Jam this week. The students had a great time with games, activities and a talent show and learned a lot about remaining drug free. There were many comments about what a great speaker was at the event. He really inspired the youth to keep on their path. After June Jam the students filled out evaluations that were returned to Region V. Once that data is processed, Kayleigh will receive the results.

The Optimists Club fireworks stand will be opening this weekend with the assistance of YADA. The students have a great time helping out with this and it encourages leadership, salesmanship, proper money counting, cooperation and respect. This has been a successful partnership in the past and YADA is excited to collaborate with the Optimists again.

Seth Bingham from Peru State College updated the coalition on a program called Alcohol-Wise, an online education course for parents of PSC students. This is an online, interactive course to promote healthy decision making by incoming freshmen. The program encourages parent based intervention regarding alcohol use.

In Region V news, Amy reiterated that June Jam was a success. Region V was pleased with how the camp went and were really happy with the speaker as well. They had 195 students attend, 43 staff and 22 sponsors.

Amy noted that Youth Action Board applications are currently being accepted by Region V and are due by July 2nd. Students can mail or email applications in. If applications are emailed in, it is encouraged that the students follow up with a phone call to make sure it was received. Those chosen will be notified by the end of July. Kayleigh is encouraging students from both Auburn and Johnson-Brock to apply. Students chosen for YAB will be reimbursed for mileage for their trips to Lincoln meetings. The current YAB is going to Utah the same week as the Nemaha County Fair for a leadership conference with Region V staff.

The group discussed a time and date for the upcoming July coalition meeting. On the calendar rotation, it is time to have the meeting in Auburn. It was decided by the group that the July meeting will be held on Tuesday the 20th at noon at the NADAA office (tentatively). The county fair will be held the following week, so any last minute decisions can be made before the fair.

Included in the agenda packet was the SPF SIG Grant Draft Plan for the 2010-2011 fiscal year drawn up by Laura. She reminded the group that NADAA is part of an eight-county group focusing on underage drinking, binge drinking and drunk driving. The draft proposed ways to utilize funds for strategies targeting these problems.

Safe Homes Parent Network has a new facilitator, Melissa McLaughlin. Melissa has taken the helm with this program and has already increased membership. She is currently working on a brochure for the network that will be available at the county fair. Through the current year of the SPF SIG grant, NADAA is able to provide Melissa a stipend for her work.

The County Fair will be held July 26-28. NADAA will set up our booth on the evening of the 25th. One idea for the booth will have youth there to demonstrate how to properly dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs using candy in place of pills. One thing that we would like to do is a photo collage of some YADA students and NADAA members involved in drug-free activities, showing positive examples of why they choose to be drug free. This theme will utilize a slogan by the Region V YAB – “We Are... A Rare Breed.. the one who said no to the influence of others!” For the parade, Laura said she might be able to locate a mini-trailer (a size large enough to hold a riding lawn mower), and Ashleigh said Melissa McLaughlin might be willing to loan us her children’s plastic play house to create a float. The float would focus on “Take A Stand in Your Home”. The group decided to use this main theme for NADAA at the fair this year. The group determined that fly swatters, mood pencils and possibly one other giveaway item would be good to have for the fair. The group utilized a planning worksheet to facilitate the discussion. If coalition members have additional ideas, please contact Laura at nadaacoordinator@yahoo.com.

The numbers reached report is attached to the agenda. Laura called attention to the fact that our website visit numbers were up, likely due to the Take A Stand campaign.

Laura will be out of the office enjoying some vacation time June 25 through July 5.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Ashleigh Boeve
Office Clerk

**Next NADAA Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2010
Tentatively @ NADAA Office
12:00 pm**