PULASKI COUNTY DRUG FREE COUNCIL

July 11 @ Bethel Bible Church

Attendees: Linda Webb-PMH, Sandy Lucas-Pulaski County Probation, Sandi DeSabatine-WCHS, Lenora Hoover- WCHS, Rachel Secrest-Health Navigator-Aspen; Andrea Keller, Judge Shurn-Circuit Court, Meg Murray-Four County; Karen Butler-WCHS,JDAI

1. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm by Sandy Lucas

2. Secretary’s Report-minutes approved-Linda Motioned; Andrea seconded.

3. Treasurer’s Report-$1,981.05

 (current-Sandy says she will check again after the statement. There were also some grant check allotment mistakes, but all is
 fixed now.)

4. Old Business-

Grant checks are done

Drug Boxes-PMH has theirs. It is being used quite consistently. It was donated by the auxiliary. EPSC will be starting to use the drop boxes, as she was not aware they existed. Also, a question was raised concerning a sharps drop box.

5. Committee Reports-

 Grants:

1. It was discussed that grant recipients should report back to the committee and

 the Council when and where the grants were used for data analysis. Sandy said

that recipients are supposed to send information back, but have not been doing it.

She volunteered to write a letter to send to recipients asking for data. The

committee will discuss how to implement this in future grant approval.

 Public Relations:

Rachel Secrest who is a Health Navigator for Aspen Health discussed educating the community through a “Town Hall” presentation to include all of the stakeholders for PCDFC and the community. She talked about inviting Terry Cook to speak since he is so influential.

 Law Enforcement

1. Through Judge Shurn-The newly acquired Masonic lodge will now be used as a Work Release Center. It will consist of Evidence-based programming through the Community Corrections Committee. He also noted that there is no “drug Court” due to a lack of funding, but they are working on a drug/veterans court.

 Prevention and Treatment:

A. Recovery home is open in Jasper County. It is faith based and is only available for men at this time. Funding is through a large corporation. Perhaps they can come and talk about it with the council some time

B. Grant money is being used. Meg will be doing the school based program for both schools. It was stated that Probation needs to start enforcing mandatory attendance for students as part of their requirements.

C. Cinda Elrod is doing the Four County groups and meet twice a week.

6. New Business-

 Coordinator’s Salary has been paid

7. Next meeting: August 8 @ Bethel Bible Church @ 4 pm