**Pulaski County Drug Free Council**

**April 12, 2023**

Attendance: Andrea Keller – PCHD, Celinda Briney – PCHD, Lenora Hoover – citizen, Sandra Lucas – Probation, Mike Haschel – PMH/citizen, Linda Webb – PMH, Alyssa Blackburn – 4C, Nicole Hiatt-Drang – 4C, Tammy Ploss – Citizen, Denise Hettinger – PCPL, Katie Surma – Pulaski County Navigator, Kate DeRolf – Business Service Rep from Center for Workforce Innovation/WorkOne.

1. Call to Order at 4:00
2. Minutes dated 03-8-23 Approved as presented
3. Coordinator’s Update – Andrea gave the coordinator’s update.

Deb updated, signed and turned in the current plan and received verification of receipt. Sandy clarified $34,575.27 is available. $16,000 appropriated for grantees once approval from the State. The remaining would be a request to the Pulaski County Council.

1. Business from previous meeting
   1. PCDFC website; Mike Haschel - Discussion on current site and what is the Council is wanting on the site. Suggestions included:
      1. Update site
      2. Continuing maintenance
      3. Updated posts, such as meeting minutes and grant applications, narcotics anonymous meetings, etc.
      4. Add videos, pictures and links to site
      5. Calendar events with automatic expiration dates

There was discussion on the process to screen and approve content being added to the website. There was discussion on having an administrative email versus an individual’s email to contact for questions. Nicole can send link from Cass County as a great template to review.

Mike estimated it would be $20 per month.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Mike Haschel as the Web Master.

* 1. Resource Cards

There was an invoice for $609.88 to cover the cost of the resource card. Andrea identified a typo on the card and QR code is not on the card. She communicated this to Katie Surma on the needed changes for the next print. The Library’s number is incorrect. The Library, called all the numbers for reference checks.

Katie Surma’s role is to connect people with resources. Katie indicated there will be a pamphlet that explains her role and benefit to the community. A press release, pamphlet and website are in the works.

Pulaski County Community Navigator cards were also distributed. The navigator’s role is under Superior Court grant, Judge Kocher oversees the program.

Katie clarified with LeeAnn Wright that it was a line item in the Community Action Plan and could come out of the Opioid settlement funds.

1. Treasures’ Report
   1. Bank statements were received and Sandy will email to Deb Mix, Andrea Keller and Karen Butler.
   2. Carnival items for $409.45. A motion was made and approved to reimburse Andrea for the items purchased for the event.
2. Community Education
   1. Alyssa Blackburn from 4C gave an update on the “Get Schooled” event for Winamac and West Central schools. She met with both superintendents and both are on board, but would like to schedule it in the fall.
   2. Clarification on Facebook page – Sandy Lucas set up the Facebook page and has access to it. Sandy and Karen are currently administrators and can add anyone.
3. Prevention and Harm Reduction
   1. “Prevent the Prick” program – Andrea sent out the tool kit prior to the meeting. This project is part of the Community Action Plan. It was proposed to start with two receptacles in the county, one on each side of the county (Medaryville) and one in Winamac. Andrea discussed who should be involved in planning the program. Recommend inviting stakeholders to the next DFC meeting. The cost for the project is $1,900 with shipping plus additional cost for gloves, bags, concrete slab, etc.
   2. Action Item: Andrea will send a letter out to stakeholders inviting them to a meeting at 5:00 p.m. after the next Drug Free Council meeting on May 10th.
4. New Business
5. Grant approval – Sandy provided insight into the new grant process. The State gives final approval before funds are distributed.

There was discussion on the need for an updated process for the grant application. Andrea will work on an updated application and a plan for advertising the available grants.

1. PMH Health Fair is scheduled for 8-3-23 and would like to have the “Hidden in Plain Sight” education display. Seeking assistance to fund this event. Nicole from 4C offered to cover the cost of the display.
2. Recovery Café - A community group including: Pat Brown, Katie Surma, Tim Gearhart, Carmen Ruff, Judge Kocher, and Sandy Lucas are working with Recovery Café Organization.
3. Kate DeRolf presented services on Work One representative outreach. Connecting individuals with employment and a community connector. Concerns from business in Pulaski Co. What are their strengths and barriers? In additions to childcare, people failing drug tests and people staying clean. She had more people willing to listen in Pulaski County than the other counties she serves. Discussed the Pathways to Employment program in southern Indiana.
4. Adjournment – With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next meeting is May 10th at the Library at 4:00 EST. Andrea will reserve the room.