

**Cowlitz Substance Abuse Coalition  
Membership/Executive Meeting**

Thursday, March 17, 2011

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Kelso Presbyterian Church

Brian McCrady.....CSAC/Recorder  
Mark Nelson.....Sheriff  
Cindy Lopez Werth....Longview Police  
Morgan Imhoff..... M.M.H.S.  
Dawn Maloney.....Lv. DFC  
Patsy Hite.....HNA

Shannon Miller.....CSAC/CMAT  
Shellee Brassard..... Kelso HS/ESD 112  
Riley Swanson.....MM H.S.  
Barry Stueve.....St. Johns  
Al Fredrich.....Calvary Chapel

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Brian called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Those attending introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes - Action items** (general membership)

- The minutes for the February coalition meeting were approved as presented.
- Financial Report – CSAC grant and coalition financial reports were not presented due to a lack of an Executive Council quorum.

**Old Business – Combining CSAC and CMAT – Mark Nelson**

- Mark shared that the purpose of combining CSAC and CMAT into one group was for cost savings and felt it was a good move. He explained that CMAT was more of a working group more specific to meth prevention, but addresses other drugs as well. He sees advantages to combining the two groups. CMAT would continue to hold committee meetings as needed. Questions about when the groups would merge were discussed and Brian stated that April would be the first combined meeting. Brian shared that he had sent out the proposal to Executive Council members who have informed him they weren't able to make the meeting. All four voted yes to combine the groups. Mark shared that the Dept. of Commerce requires that the sheriff stay engaged with the group. Shannon shared that the state required that the sheriff co-convene CMAT. The future meth funding through the state is uncertain, but Mark would need to be an active member. Cindy made a motion to merge the Cowlitz Substance Abuse Coalition with the Cowlitz Meth Action team, Shellee seconded. Motion carried.

**Prescription Drug Drop Off update**

- Mark shared the new prescription mailbox drop off will be set up at the Hall of Justice, it is not currently operational. The box will be located inside the second set of double doors inside the lobby of the Hall of Justice with the drop slot in the initial foyer before you enter the lobby. The drop box will have 24 hour video surveillance.

**Draw the Line Underage Drinking campaign**

- Brian shared the “Draw the Line” between youth and alcohol campaign. The commitment cards were given out to coalition members who had not previously filled one out. The goal is to have community members support rules that limit outdoor alcohol ads and educate people regarding the penalties for providing alcohol to minors. The focus of the campaign is countywide; CSAC is focused on Kalama and Woodland. Brian will have anecdotal responses added to the campaign media. Dawn shared that Longview is going to paint “Lets Draw the Line” in blue on the blocks at Swanson’s Bark and Wood.

### **Sector representation needs - Brian**

- The coalition needs Faith Based and Education and representatives. Al Fredrich of Calvary Chapel is interested in joining the coalition as the faith representative. Brian asked if anyone knew of someone to fill the Education position. Cindy shared that she thought Lindsey Lonner would be a good addition. Brian will contact her.

### **New Business - Alcohol energy drinks**

- Barry Stueve brought up the \$2.00 alcohol/energy drinks that are promoted at the Splits Fun Center in Kelso. He questioned the placement of the table tents advertising these drinks. He will be going over to share with the owners some awareness of the message that the ads send to the youth that are there. Mark and Barry will look into this.
- Shannon shared that a glass shop will be opening up on Commerce Ave. called Mary Jane's House of Glass. Staff will be going in to the shop to see the merchandise being sold. Al shared that he would like to go to the Downtowners meeting next month to find out if they are aware the shop is opening and to discuss the ramifications that it may bring to the community. They meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 AM in the Merk building conference room upstairs.

**Program Update** – no updates at this time.

### **Executive Council Business - Action items**

- Insurance/taxes – Shannon will send out the information for the Director and Officers liability insurance that is due at the end of March.
- Longview Junior Service League funding opportunity – Brian shared the Longview Junior Service League sent a letter to sign up for the Festival of Trees event. This would give CSAC the ability to raise funding for prevention efforts. The group shared that the Youth Prevention Summit and the *Every 15 fifteen Minutes* program could be possible options for the letter. Brian will call the contact people to ask if these are legitimate proposals.
- Fundraising – Brian shared the Cowlitz Black Bears fundraiser for the general account of the coalition. Tickets were available at the meeting.

### **Opportunities**

- Cindy shared that the Highlands Neighborhood Association will meet again on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> on ways youth can deal with bullying.
- Mark shared the Chaplaincy Fundraiser breakfast is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Expo Center at 7:30.
- Dawn shared that the Link gym will be open for family activities during spring break from 5:00 – 6:30. Contact Link at 423-6741.

### **Other Business** –

The next meeting will be held on April 21, 2011 at the Kelso Presbyterian Church in Kelso from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00.