

NACDAC (Nassau Alcohol Crime and Drug Abatement Coalition)

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June 21, 2011 Meeting Minutes

	NAME OF ATTENDEE	ORGANIZATION/REPRESENTATION
1	Becky DeBerry	The Journey Church
2	Jean Bardes	NACDAC
3	Hope Duggan	The Journey Church
4	Donna Martin	School Board
5	Carrie Anderson Mays	SPBH
6	Kerrie Albert	NACDAC/SPBH
7	Phil Scanlan	AIA/AIT
8	Jason Smith	FBPD
9	Amy Pipkin	Communities in Schools /NACDAC Board
10	Gail Greeson	Community and NACDAC Board member
11	Pam Hill	FSS
12	Jennifer Emmons	DOH
13	Susan Silva	DJJ

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:06 by Kerrie Albert. Minutes were approved and introductions were made.

II. Report from Chair:

Kerrie Albert: Effective 8/1, she will serve as full-time NACDAC project director, and MaryRuth Murray will take over her prevention duties at Sutton Place. NACDAC is working on several mini-grants with other partners and continues working with the Police Department on strategies, including beach patrol and retail beverage service training.

III. New Business/Presentation:

Coalition members shared some success stories: Amy Pipkin (CIS) feels that she has success stories everyday, but she told of a student with academic and disciplinary problems with whom she's been working who passed 9th grade and wrote a cool letter to her. Gail Greeson (Board member) considers it a success story to be working with NACDAC. Carrie Mays (Sutton Place) is an in-home therapist and feels the fact they have such a program at SP is a success story. Susan Silva (DJJ) considers it a success story that they have an office here and are fully staffed, and that two kids on her caseload just graduated. Donna Martin (school board) told of two success stories: the students who brought several issues before the board as a result of the youth program at FBHS; and the board addressing the school drug and alcohol policies. Success stories for Becky DeBerry (Journey Church) would be that they are reaching out to students "where they are," that parents are getting involved, and that they are helping the homeless in Yulee. Officer Jason Smith feels it's a success story that, through NACDAC, he was able to attend a class and is now a certified drug recognition expert. Pam Hill (FSS) was privileged today to visit Touchstone Village, an independent living program in Jacksonville for homeless children ages 13 to 21. Jennifer Emmons (DOH – Tobacco) sees a success story in the compliance buys that the police department have conducted for them, where some employees were fired, and also in the successful SWAT recruitment they held at Island Falls. Kerrie shared the success story that Teens for Change at Yulee HS had a movie night and 60 kids showed up.

IV. Reports from Agencies/Members:

Becky DeBerry – The Journey Church has purchased 40 acres in Yulee and will be moving there. Concerns about those who could walk to the current location have been resolved, as transportation will be available.

Jason Smith – FBPD continues to do party patrols, DUI patrols and compliance buys.

Pam Hill – FSS took foster children to Fort Clinch last week, and they'll be doing this several times. The breakfast learning series (every fourth Tuesday) is about therapeutic foster care this month. Breakfast is served at 8:30am and the speaker starts at 9. Details are listed in the local paper.

Phil Scanlan explained that he works with quality of life on Amelia Island. His May 11 "Viewpoint" in The News-Leader concerning our youth's problems with alcohol, drugs and delinquency did not get any responses. He distributed a draft document about alcohol-related traffic deaths in Nassau, which are twice the state average. The viewpoint includes the problem, what we can do about it and why we should do something. Phil discussed Bill Leeper's book Highway of Horror that includes local drinking and driving stories, safety tips and more. Phil asked for comments and input from coalition members about his draft document. Members suggested that we can help by passing this along to others who may be interested and by replying to the viewpoint via a letter to the editor. Members may email Phil with questions or comments at phillipscanlan@comcast.net.

Phil also spoke of Bikes for Barnabas, a program where used bikes may be brought to the bike shop on 8th Street, where they will be refurbished. Adults who show income need and transportation need can go to Barnabas to get a bike. Susan Silva asked if the DJJ kids can help with the program, and Phil said they could.

Jennifer Emmons - Dr. Seidel heard that gang violence occurred this past weekend involving drugs. Jason Smith stated that it's more of a group or clique problem, where members might not get along. A young man, who has been in trouble for years, got shot, but Officer Smith doesn't see it as a gang problem. The police have been patrolling quite heavily and have made some arrests.

Susan Silva asked whether the K-2 law effective July 1 will be a misdemeanor or a felony. Officer Smith stated that things are up in the air due to the language.

Carrie Mays has seen the Know the Law booklet and asked about it. Jean Bardes stated that we are in the process of revising it to make it applicable to Nassau County.

V. Adjournment at 5:00 by Kerrie Albert. There is no meeting in July, and our next meeting is August 16, 2011. Meeting minutes were submitted by Jean Bardes.