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**MINUTES**  
**6-16-2011**

**Attended:** Sandi Fisher, Elizabeth Hebert, Ed Jefferies, Jerry Hughes, Neil Fisher, Erin Jenes, Samantha James, Lauren Pealor, Nicole Douglas, Julie Fracoli, Julie Sears, Lisa Smalling, Virginia Farr, Diane Wise, Margie Collins, Sgt. Van Mominee

**Welcome and Introductions:** Chairperson-Elect, Margie Collins, deferred to Neil Fisher to conduct the meeting. Neil welcomed everyone. Everyone gave their name and told who they were representing.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Ed Jefferies made a motion to accept the May minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Jerry Hughes. The motion passed.

**Weed and Seed Update:** In the absence of Steve Baldwin and Linda Hoit, Neil gave a report about Camp DEFY (Drug Education for Youth). It will take place Monday through Friday, June 20 through June 25 at Buffalo Mountain Methodist Camp. There will be approximately 20 students from Carver and Keystone attending.

**HEROES:** In the absence of Greg Wallace, Sandi Fisher reported the unduplicated number of students served by all the programs of the HEROES Initiative for SY 2011 was 1472. This represents 20% of the total enrollment for 2011—one in every five students benefitted directly from the HEROES initiative. Project BASIC served 494 students, the SAP/Therapists served 924 students, the Community Policing Officers mentored 37 elementary students, the Student Support teacher at the middle school served 106 students, the Employability Skills Coach served 143 students at the Alternative Center, the Home Visitor served 35 preschool students and the social worker at the Alternative Center completed 167 intakes, and served 98 students on her caseload. 42 students were assigned to the Individual Treatment /Intensive Probation program at the juvenile court. 1095 students were served by one program. 301 received services from two programs, 71 received services from three programs within the HEROES Initiative, and 3 students received services from four HEROES programs. These numbers only include those students who received individualized or small group services and do not include students who received whole classroom presentations.

**CAB:** Diane Wise reported that the CAB is in the process of forming a steering committee and electing officers. The meetings will take place the third Thursday of each month at noon at Interfaith Hospitality Network. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Staff Reports:**

- The youth at Crockett High School have videotaped a Public Service Announcement. The purpose was to show that kids coming in and bragging about getting high are not “cool”. They are stupid. It is in the editing process now.
- Youth have designed bracelets that the youth can give to any friend who will sign a pledge to take a stand against bullying.
- Prior to the prom, all parents received information about the legal and social consequences of allowing underage drinking.

- Late Nite 2011: For sustainability the Coalition did not pay for the whole bill. They charged \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. It was a two night event. All games except ticketed ones were free and there was pizza. 76 attended the first night, and 88 attended the second night. A thought is to extend this to include other counties and use regional money to fund it.
- The Coalition sent letters to hotels to remind them about the laws concerning underage drinking, especially during prom and graduation time.
- Blue Plum Festival: The bars were very good about not serving underage drinkers with a few exceptions. During the Blue Plum the message window in front of the Coalition office played messages about alcohol issues. The coalition office served as the “officer’s oasis” providing cold beverages and refreshments to emergency and law enforcement personnel. There were nine arrests over the course of both days. A problem is caused because the festival closes at eleven, but bars bring in big names in entertainment and continue to serve alcohol until 3 am. The police have to be lenient in arresting people for public intoxication, because they have to transport them if they are arrested and that takes an officer off the street. About 120 people were surveyed about alcohol issues during the festival.
- An alcohol task force has been formed to determine how to best prevent selling alcohol to underage persons. Members include law enforcement and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission
- Online arrest records have shown a high percentage of DUI arrests occur in Johnson City/Washington County—many offenders live in surrounding counties.

#### **News and Announcements:**

**Diane Wise:** The new executive board of the Northeast Tennessee Council for Children and board will meet next week to set up the year’s schedule. The CAB will meet on July 21<sup>st</sup> at noon at Interfaith Hospitality Network.

**Margie Collins:** the Board of Probation and Parole is working on the Prisoner Re-entry program. The purpose is to work with adult offenders to assist them in the re-entry process. TBOPP is using the curriculum “Thinking for Change” in an effort to help them to change dysfunctional behavior patterns. It cost taxpayers \$54 dollars a day to house offenders in a prison or jail. It is much more cost effective to house them in the community. TREC (TN Re-entry Collaborative) is currently working on a grant to fund the initiative. They are also looking at gender-specific strategies for women. Women’s issues are different from men’s issues. Tennessee uses an assessment tool to categorize prisoners to avoid placing minimum offenders with maximum risk offenders.

**Ed Jefferies:** The girls from the Teen Challenge Program from Knoxville will be in Sunday service at Trinity. Ed mentioned the *Parade Magazine* in last Sunday’s paper. It contained an important article about underage drinking. Binge drinking has become lethal in ways that are new to campus life. Young people are coming to the emergency room with blood alcohol levels of 0.35 and higher. At these levels it is not uncommon for death to occur. About 90% of all teen drinking is binge drinking where the goal is to get very drunk, very quickly. Consequently the drink of choice for drinking games is often hard liquor instead of beer. The practice of mixing super-caffeinated energy drinks with alcohol is dangerous. A 23.5 ounce can of flavored malt liquors contains as much alcohol as almost 5 12 ounce beers. An example is Four Loco which tastes like candy, has an alcohol content of 12% and only costs \$3 a can. A person who starts drinking in adolescence is 40% to 60% more likely to become an alcoholic regardless of family history.

**Sandi Fisher:** Sandi mentioned hearing a presentation by Larry Grogan about a group called, “Not in my Neighborhood”. They talk to landlords to get them to sign a pledge to run a background check on new tenants. He might make a good guest speaker. Jerry mentioned that there is another side to this issue as several probationers had lost their housing due to the landlord discovering that they were previously convicted of a crime, even though they had not been in trouble for two years. Housing is a big need for individuals re-entering society. Without it, they cannot get jobs and may become homeless, or even discouraged to the point of going back to criminality.

**Jerry Hughes and Van Mominee:** Jerry and Van are very concerned about Bath salts and other designer drugs. They are being used by youth and adults now and the effects are very similar to meth. We have

heard about K2, but there is also K1, K3, and K4. There appears to be a re-occurrence of hallucinations after the "high" has passed. The "trip" may end or it may not. The substances are not illegal to purchase but the individual can be charged with being intoxicated. Van stated that there are several thousand people who come to Cinema on the Lake. That might be a good place to conduct surveying. Jerry reminded people about the booth at the Appalachian State Fair in Gray which will be held Aug 22-27. This is a great opportunity to distribute information and brochures about your program or agency. If you are planning to participate, Jerry needs a description of what you are planning to do or provide ASAP. Information is needed about who will be volunteering so their name will be on the list to get in without paying admission. Jerry also urged Coalition members to participate in Hands across the Border- sobriety checkpoints held on state lines and involving multiple law enforcement entities. The schedule is as follows. Neil Fisher stated that Jerry has great food at his events!

1. **June 24, 2011, Bristol TN / Bristol VA at State Line.**  
Location: Slater Community Center Address: 325 McDowell Street Bristol, TN  
Staging Time: 9:00 PM, Event Time: 11:00 PM to 1 AM
2. **July 08, 2011, ETSU Mini Dome State of Franklin Road & John Bell Drive**  
Location: BCM  
Staging Time: 9:00 PM Free Food, Event Time: 11:00 PM to 1 AM
3. **July 29, 2011, Lynn Garden Kingsport TN / Webber City VA / Scott County, VA**  
Location: Higher Ground Baptist Lynn Garden Kingsport, TN  
Staging Time: 9:00 PM "Free Food", Event Time: 11:00 Pm to 1 AM
4. **August 12, 2011, Carter County / Avery County NC**  
Location: King of the Road "STATE LINE"  
Staging Time: 9:00 PM "Free Food", Event Time: 11:00 to 0100 Hours
5. **August 19, 2011, Location: Washington County Sheriff's Office VA / Sullivan County Sheriff's Office TN RT 75 VA / RT 44 TN, Painter Creek.**  
We are still looking at this site. We feel this can be worked out. THP will be looking over the site again. We will be limited how many Officers will be working on the TN side.  
Staging Time: 7:00 PM "Free Food" on the Site at County Lines  
Event Time: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM Hours
6. **September 16, 2011, Johnson County TN / Watauga County NC**  
Location: Sharpie's Restaurant at "STATE LINE"  
Staging Time 9:00 PM "Free Food", Event Time: 11:00 PM to 1AM
7. **October 07, 2011, Piney Flats Bluff City PD, Johnson City PD and Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.**  
Location: To Be Announced  
Staging Time: 9:00 PM ?, Event Time: 11:00 PM to 1 AM

If you have any questions feel free to contact Jerry, his E-mail address is [hughesj@etsu.edu](mailto:hughesj@etsu.edu) or call him at 423.791.0384.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned with thanks from Neil.

**The combined WCADC meeting, and Prevention, Intervention, Treatment subcommittee for Weed and Seed & Community Advisory Board will meet Thursday, July 21<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 at Trinity Church on University**

**Weed and Seed will meet Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> at Carver Recreation. Lunch will be served at 11:30 and the meeting begins at 12 noon**