

**Carroll County Anti-Drug Coalition Meeting
February 7, 2012, Noon
Carrollton Municipal Court**

Present:

JJ. Boroski, Community Mental Healthcare, Inc.
Renee DiMario, Community Member
Mike Durkin, Carroll County Municipal Court
John McCall, Carroll County Family and Children First Council
Dianne Oliver, Dianne Oliver Consulting
Rachel Rinkes, Carroll County Juvenile Court
Dave Schaffer, ADAMHS Board
Larry A. Townsend, Alcohol and Addiction Services
Mike Durkin, Coalition Chair, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting Summary

Anti-Drug Coalition Grant: Dave Schaffer reported that the ADAMHS Board is working on the Anti-drug Coalition grant application and that the deadline is March 22nd. Each Coalition may request up to \$125,000 per year for up to five years. There is also a local match requirement for the applications. He referred to his e-mail regarding the need for additional participation by key segments of the community. Signed MOU's will be needed in order to meet the requirements of the grant. He reported that the Coalition's focus on underage drinking is important. He asked for input regarding specific strategies and budget items to include in the grant. A separate coordinator will be hired for each county. He noted that direct service such as school-based programming is not considered an appropriate grant expense according to the guidelines. The following suggestions surfaced during the discussion:

- Surveillance buys are considered an appropriate expense
- Community awareness regarding protective factors
- Education about consequences
- Awareness and education for youth about the real facts - the "nit and grit" about what substances do to your body and your life
- Research on best practices
- Volunteer mentors for youth
- Review law enforcement policies, procedures and options on first time offenses to determine the criteria used to press charges
- How to change parental behavior/permissiveness

Dave stated that he felt that a draft of each grant will be available at the March Coalition meeting.

Marketing: The posters have been distributed and posted throughout the community. The first newsletter is nearly finished. Dave Schaffer also passed around copies of the new "Don't Get Me Started" anti-drug campaign posters. This is a statewide campaign to

targeted at raising awareness about the risks associated with prescription narcotic abuse. The posters include a QR code which links to the “Don’t Get Me Started” webpage.

Other business: It was noted that there have been no arrests for underage drinking since the beginning of the year. This is something the Coalition needs to monitor on a regular basis.