

**Minutes 02/07/2017**  
**Pontotoc County Drug Free Coalition**  
**Pontotoc County Health Department**  
**2330 Arlington Street, Ada, OK**

*PCDFC Mission Statement – “United to reduce substance abuse by using proactive strategies to empower our community!”*

- I. Call to order: meeting called to order by James Jackson
- II. Lunch (provided by Vision Bank)
- III. Review of previous meeting’s minutes:
  - a. Janna Web motioned to accept minutes, Vicki Orsburn seconded motion.
- IV. Introductions and Sectors:
  - a. Business: Richard Rambo, Jeff Epperly
  - b. Media: James Jackson
  - c. Schools: Sandra Poe
  - d. Youth Serving: Debra Cox
  - e. Law Enforcement: none
  - f. Civic: none
  - g. Health care: Becky Roe, Danny Coats, Timber Underwood, Emily Pennington, Samantha Wright
  - h. State/Local/Tribal Government Agency with Expertise in the Field of Substance Abuse: Jahna Buckaloo, Deanna Carpitche, Melinda Stone, Dylan Ramey, Tom Landrith, Bethany Carroll, Alex Thompson, Linda Callaway, David Hansard, Manssa Musgrove
  - i. Other Substance Abuse: Vicki Orsburn, AshLee Griffin, Holli Witherington, Florence Long
  - j. Religious/Fraternal: Jana Webb
  - k. Parent: Cassie Holloway
  - l. Youth: see STAND sign-in sheets i.e. youth coalition meetings
- V. In-Kind Forms: handed out and collected by Holli Witherington
- VI. Grant Updates:
  - a. DFC:
    - i. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala will be Friday, February 10, 2017. It will be Gatsby themed – Roaring 20s. The Gala will be held at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center. Dinner, entertainment will be provided throughout the course of the evening, as well as guest speaker. The silent auction is almost ready to go. If anyone would like to help set-up they can be at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center at 9:30am.
  - b. Project Aware: There have been 273 people total trained in mental health awareness. The class taking place on 02/22/2017 is full and has a 10 person waiting list. There is also a class set up to

provide mental health awareness training to the nursing students at the Pontotoc County Vo-tech.

There will also be a training set up with Lighthorse police as well.

- c. Timber Underwood said that 6 out of 7 schools have updated their wellness policy and will be implementing nutrition by providing healthier options for concession and school parties.
- d. Community Assessment for 2016 shows that alcohol is the leading substance for youth. Tobacco use information is almost the exact same from 2014-2016. Assessment shows that marijuana use has risen to the same as tobacco use in 2016. Assessment shows that 62% if people knew about and used drop boxes for medications.
- e. Chickasaw Nation Prevention Services Suicide. Contact Deanna Carpitche to attend Safe Talk classes for suicide prevention. These classes are free.
- f. Executive Committee:

#### VII. Community Forums:

- a. Alcohol/Tobacco- Compliance checks show that out of over 60 businesses 27 of them showed a 100% compliance rate. Some of these have only been checked once, however there were 4 businesses that had 100% and were checked 6-4 times. Those were; Arlington Liquor, Jake's Bottle, Loves on Main, and Applebee's. These businesses were each offered 2 seats for the gala and will be presented with an award for 2016 for their compliance check at the gala.
- b. Marijuana/Synthetics: PDFC needs to work on position statement and be ready to propose it in the next coalition meeting. Colorado is seeing a spike in visits to the ER for gastric problems due to marijuana. Ashlee reached out to OSBI's forensic lab to see what the THC content is they are seeing.
- c. Prescription Drugs/Heroin: Information provided that the drop boxes do not allow for people to drop of liquid prescriptions. And the pharmacies would not take them as well. Talk about purchasing the bags that neutralize the prescription medications for this reason.
- d. Meth/Other Illicit Drugs : no report

#### VIII. Old Business:

- a. Anyone willing to help with the Gala in the front area to check people in when they arrive would be appreciated. If you are willing to help be there at 5:30. If you would like to help with clean-up please stay after the gala.

#### IX. New Business

- a. A nomination committee can be formed to look at potential executive committee member positions. If you would like to be on the committee please contact Holli, James, or Ashlee.
- b. Community wide baby shower will be held on April 4, 2017. United Way, Chickasaw Nation, and Mercy OB, will be working together to provide booths. These booths will provide information and

resources. There will also be bags of supplies handed out as well. James Jackson will provide more information once the spot event will be held at is confirmed.

- c. Deanna Carpitche announced that the Children's Fair will take place on April 1st from 10am-2pm. Contact Deanna if you are interested in participating. Booth forms will be going out shortly.
- d. James stated that Ada Regional United Way reached their fundraising goal. The application process is now started and they have 3 new applicants in comparison to last year. ARUW has also diversified their funding and starting seeking other funding options to better serve the community.
- e. James also announced that ARUW has talked to a veterans program (INCA). This program is interested in expanding to Pontotoc County and provides a variety of services including disaster preparedness training, transportation, and more.

X. Agency Announcements

- a. Health Department – No updates
- b. Ada City Schools – Ada city schools is hosting community forums strategic planning on 02/27/17 at 6:00pm in the Ada High school distance learning lab.
- c. Call-A-Ride representative shared an update. They had 4,000 more rides than last year (an increase of 39,000 to 43,000). This is positive as their funding is tied to the number of rides provided. Brochures, promo items and list of zones were available for anyone interested.
- d.

XI. 12:39 p.m. Adjournment

- XII. Agenda item requests for next meeting scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at the Pontotoc County Health Department.