

MEMBERSHIP MINUTES
THE COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITION OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY

May 21, 2008

The General Membership Meeting of the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of Rutherford County was held at 3:00 PM on **Wednesday, May 21st** in the auditorium of the Murfreesboro Housing Authority, 415 N. Maple St., Murfreesboro, TN.

Members Present: William H. Butler, Jr.; Assistant Chief Roy Fields, Dr. Linda Gilbert, Deputy Tim Hayes, Shelia Hodges, Ricardo Jones, Whitney Shelton, Meri-Leigh Smith, and Kris Delene

Visitors and Guests: Butch Vaughn, Principal Oakland High School, Pierre Lyons, Coach Oakland High School, Kim Dabney, Murfreesboro City Schools, Dianne Rose,

Call to Order: Chairman William H. Butler, Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

Approval of Minutes – A motion made by Assistant Chief Roy Fields and seconded by Ricardo Jones was to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2008 meeting was passed.

Special Presentations: Butch Vaughn, Principal of Oakland High School and Pierre Lyons, Coach Oakland High School, gave a presentation of the life management skills program Amer – I – Can. Jim Brown, former football player and actor, was instrumental in the development of the program. Plans for running a pilot program at Oakland HS are being discussed. Mr. Vaughn and Mr. Lyons support this program as a way to stop “losing young kids” to gangs, drugs, and violence. They reported that by the time kids come before the Murfreesboro Police or the Rutherford County Sheriff’s Department it may be too late to reach them. The backbone of the program is to reach kids and their families in middle school. The program consists of 90 hours of training. A 15 chapter workbook is provided which includes lessons on 8 critical areas such as: problem solving, family relationships, emotional control, communication skills, and decision making. A summer program suggested for Patterson Park Community Center would have start up costs of approximately \$50,000. Cost for materials is \$1500 per student. The optimum class size is between 15 – 20 kids, however for the summer session they would estimate 20 – 25 kids. Kids can sign up and selection for the program would be determined by the SROs, Murfreesboro Police, and others. There is follow up with the kids who go through the program. If 20 kids could be identified to go through a program at Patterson this summer Bobby Glanton Smith and Jim Brown may come back. According to Butch Vaughn, Senator Tracy will propose funding through the Tennessee legislature. If Murfreesboro can organize funding for the program this will be the only place in TN with the Amer – I – Can program this summer. The program is being suggested for Memphis and Nashville as well as Murfreesboro. According to an article in the Bradenton (Florida) Herald the Amer-I-Can Program began in three counties this past school year funded by the State for \$1.35 million. According to the article Mike Bennett, R-Bradenton, said “500 students took part in the program and 148 peace squads had been formed in the three counties” and “12% of Amer-I-Can kids increased their GPA, 37% showed increased attendance, and discipline decreased by 35%.” The article went on to say that due to a tight budget the state rejected a \$1 million package to continue the program. To continue the program in Manatee County would be \$350,000. <http://www.bradenton.com/local/v-print/story/616050.html>

For more information on the program go to: www.amer-i-can.org

Old Business

SPF-SIG: CADCOR has received equipment for the RC Sheriff’s Department for use in compliance checks. Received so far was a Sony Laptop, software, digital camera, carrying cases, and memory cards. The SROs are still waiting for the button hole cameras, alcohol detecting flashlights, and other items..

Kris reported accompanying the SROs on compliance checks recently. The first three convenience stores sold alcohol to the minor and the fourth would have if the cash register would have let her. The undercover minor used her own valid TN driver's license clearly stating that she was under the age of 21. After the first four checks were completed the officers returned to those convenience stores that had sold the beer and ticketed them. Of the next four checks no one sold. It was a very interesting evening.

CADCA Mid Year Conference: The SPF-SIG is funding two adults: Judy Williams, Youth Can, and Karen Claud, Read To Succeed and two youth, Kiara Tyler and Taylor Stevens, participants of Youth Can scholarships to the Mid Year Conference in Palm Springs CA.

New Business

DFC Target Area Summer Activities Shelia reported that this summer Project Go! will be part of the Summer Camp program at Patterson Park. On June 2nd an agency fair will be held, on July 2nd Project Go will sponsor a career day, and on August 4th Read To Succeed and Project Go will have "Bee Day". Please contact Shelia shodges@mha-tn.org for more information.

Rescheduled from May is Family Night at January Street on June 5th. CADCOR is partnering with Friends of the Linebaugh Library to bring books to all events.

Announcements

Patsy Noland reported that the Murfreesboro Housing Authority has been nominated for awards from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. These are for the New Hope Clinic 2 in Franklin Heights and the Dr. Dirt Program at Oakland Court. Both are programs created by coalitions between the Murfreesboro Housing Authority to help the residents in the housing developments. Both programs are continuing.

Kim Dabney, Murfreesboro City Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center Project Coordinator reported on the programs for MCS students. These are programs designed to engage students in programs during school and after school. For more information http://www.cityschools.net/esp/esp/21st_CCLC.html

Patty Pope announced that FREE Financial Fitness Sessions for adults and teens with little or no financial education will be held on Mondays in June from 3:00-5:00 pm at McFadden Community Center. Call 220-5858 for reservations.

Adjourn

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was proposed by Patsy Noland and seconded by Patty Pope passed unanimously.

The next Community Anti-Drug Coalition of Rutherford County Membership meeting will be held at 3:00 pm Wednesday **June 18, 2008, at the Murfreesboro Housing Authority** auditorium at 415 N Maple Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Please call Kris at (615) 893-9414 ext 32 or email: kdelene@mha-tn.org for more information.

William H. Butler Jr.,
Chairman

Assistant Chief Roy Fields,
Secretary/Treasurer