March 27, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jeff Puterbaugh, John Sauer, Lori Doede, Mat Barreiro, Ray Wilson, Dennis Gavin, Tim Murphy, Trish Davis, Wendy Holihan, Dana Kleis

Staff: Cary Moller, Jennifer Eskridge, Rod Calkins, Tami Goettsch, Teri Morgan, Scott Smith

Reported absences: Rod Calkins, Bob Thomas, Cari Fiske-Sessums

Guest:

Call to Order: Chair Ray Wilson called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Announcements:
- Quorum
- Debate – Recommendations to Commissioners regarding marijuana dispensaries
  - State has set forth regulations
  - Marion County opposed marijuana dispensaries in unincorporated counties
  - Will have moratorium – commissioner would like recommendations from the planning committee

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
- Approved

Application Review:
- Application for Vacancies
  - Applications review for Dana Kleis
Ray Wilson made recommendation to commissioner for application approval
Cathy Crocker to facilitate

Discussion:

- **Medical Marijuana Debate:**
  - Need to have input to forward to commissioner

  - County policy does not approve use of medical marijuana; Merinol is used.
    - Providers are concerned with marijuana dispensaries
    - Medical marijuana sometimes approved in terminal cases.
    - State may approve dispensaries but what about Federal?
    - How would this affect funding and how would dosages be controlled?
      - Is there a need for controlling dosages?
    - Differences of opinion on whether marijuana is a gateway drug.
    - Public Safety Committee to start holding meetings to discuss issue of dispensaries

  - Discussion around resource allocation and community impact.
    - Are resources best used elsewhere?

  - Group supported waiting before extending a recommendation to the Commissioner
    - This will allow more time to review policies
    - What will be the groups questions/recommendations be for the commissioner?
      - Is there any harm in waiting 150 more days?
    - Dispensaries have already become licensed but may not be in line with other business policies

  - Motion made to allow 150 day moratorium to further discuss policies and regulations around medical marijuana dispensaries. Voted unanimous by group.

Presentation:

- Presentation on E-cigs to be brought to next meeting.

Presentation/Discussion:

- **Presentation on Heroin**
  - Next month the group will receive a handout on how Vermont is dealing with this issue.
• Rise in Heroin and Opiate use in cities both large and small.
  ▪ Bupernorphren now being abused.
  ▪ Significant increase both locally and state-wide with Heroin addiction.
    • Heroin is readily available, plentiful and inexpensive.
    ▪ Heroin was first developed as a pain reliever.
    ▪ Deaths from Heroin overdoses are steadily increasing.
    ▪ Usage is also increasing at juvenile level shown from positive Urine Analysis.
    ▪ Heroin is more easily available now and that is the reason for the increase in usage of the drug.
• Mental Health facilities and other treatment facilities are working more closely together with assessments and links between mental health and drug usage
  ▪ Drug use can exacerbate mental illness.
  ▪ Unresolved mental health issues can lead to drug use.

• Discussion was held around solutions and what we can do as a committee to raise awareness regarding the Heroin problem

**Discussion:**

*Prescription Drugs*

• Police Departments have drop boxes for prescription drugs and grants will allow for more boxes city and state-wide
• There will be 200 lock boxes handed out for families to secure prescription drugs at home; hopefully this summer.
  ▪ Providing additional educational materials would be helpful.
  ▪ Incentives for families that learn about and use the lock boxes to safely store prescription drugs may be helpful.
  ▪ Follow up needed with a breakdown of who is abusing prescription drugs.
  ▪ Conversation needed around preventative measures.

• Some communities are getting involved in discussions around healthy communities
  ▪ Community leaders are getting involved in these discussions as well
    ▪ These conversations are focusing on healthy communities as a whole and not just on drug use.

**Discussion:**

*HAB*

• 187 water sources – they have regulatory policies.
Environmental Health role/presentation
Cary to provide minutes from material meeting regarding water quality issues if requested

Discussion:
- Senior Forum
  - No update

Discussion:
- CCO Update
  - No update

**Agenda items for April 2014 LADPC Meeting:**
- E-cig presentation
- Senior Forum
- ASIS review – target for May agenda
- Prevention & Healthy Communities – target for June agenda

**Chair Ray Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.**

Next meeting: April 24, 2014
*Meeting will continue to be at Beverly-building I Suite 16
Minutes by: Tanya Shackelford