



Coalition Board Meeting  
Oct 11, 2022  
2602 1st Center Ave, Brodhead

### Meeting Summary

**Attendance:** Chris Hughes, Jason Onken-Covert, , Jess Marass, Erin Lemezis-Schadewaldt, Trevor Long,, Alexis Speth, Jen Wichita, Kathy Comeau

**Apologies:** Julie Taylor, Susan Pomatto, Stephanie Pinnow

### Welcome

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Trevor joined the meeting virtually.

### Consent Agenda

Jason moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as written. Jess seconded the motion. Motion passed. There was a question about the Tall Cop event on the staff report. Jen explained that it was a presentation on emerging drugs. Jen, Alexis, and Tia attended the presentation. Brian Bennet was invited to attend. Based on the information from the presentation, the Good Drugs Gone Bad presentation will be revised and postponed until March. Jen will present her notes on the Tall Cops presentation at the next Board meeting.

### Budget Review

The federal grant budgets were reviewed. The DFC budget was the end of the grant year. There was some money left over, but the account is still finalizing the expenditures. Kathy will present the carry over from DFC at the November Board meeting.

The general funds balance and major expenditures in Sept were reviewed. Stephanie was unable to balance our amount with the bank. Our balance is less than the bank's balance so she thinks it may be due to outstanding checks or a duplication of expenses. She will need to go through the ledger in more detail.

The end Match total exceeded by over \$9000. This gives us confidence that we can achieve the 125% match goal for Year 7 of DFC.

### Trevor's Presentation

Trevor and his wife Tia attended the CADCA Midyear Training in July. Trevor explained that there were breakout sessions each of the days that focused on leadership, coalition development, community engagement, and substance use. He met a lot of coalitions from across the country who served larger areas but were struggling with similar issues to Better Brodhead. It was also helpful to hear what other states were doing.

Sessions that Trevor attended included:

- Research on the effectiveness of prevention education

- The dangers of counterfeit pills
- Issues arising from marijuana legalization
- Access to mental health
- Risk and Protective factors

### **AWY Coalition Development Project**

The application for the AWY Coalition Development project had been sent out in advance for people to review. There was a brief explanation that this project is very similar to what we did last year with the capacity building modules. AWY would give Better Brodhead a \$2500 incentive for completing one of the options. Jason motioned that we proceed with the grant and focus on Option #3, Strategic Planning. Jess seconded the motion. The motion passes.

Dorothy Chaney has offered to do a half day training with Better Brodhead members. The topic the board is interested in learning more about the integration of prevention efforts for mental health in substance use prevention efforts. The Board agreed that this could take place of the December project planning meeting. It would need to be later in the day (5-7?) and could be virtual. It was suggested that we should invite some of our partner agencies to attend.

Kathy will contact Dorothy to confirm. Chris suggested that we reserve the program room at the library.

### **Artwork Contest**

Alexis gave the board members a rubric to critique the artwork. Students were asked to submit artwork that described how they would remain drug free this school year. There was one submission from the high school and five submissions from the middle school. Board members reviewed the artwork and voted. Alexis collected the votes for tabulation and will announce the winners at the school. Jen suggested that a thank you note be sent to all the students who submitted a piece of artwork.

### **Mission Statement**

Jason reported that the Mission Statement work group met several times and have finalized a mission statement. The statement in the agenda is the revised statement. It was noted that the word 'health' should be 'healthy'. The new mission statement should read:

Working together to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug use among youth and foster positive relationships for a safe, healthy, and inclusive community'

Jess moved that the new mission statement be approved with the spelling correction. Jason seconded the motion. The motion passed, the new mission statement was adopted.

### **Community Survey**

Chris drew two names from the container of people who signed up for the drawing following completing the survey. Nicole Krumwiede and Janice Treadway were the winners. The winners will each receive a \$50 gift card.

Kathy gave an initial description of the survey results. 149 people completed the survey, out of the 2605 postcards that were mailed. The majority of respondents identified themselves as female. Most respondents reported living in Brodhead for 5 or more years. Kathy has only finished analyzing the first few questions. The survey results should be available at the November meeting.

### **Y2Y/Safe Club**

Jessica Garrdipee is overseeing the Safe Club in the middle and high school in Brodhead. They have put up posters in the high school for the club. Jen will contact Jim Mattys to discuss who the new Y2Y advisor will be.

Jen explained that the leadership weekend, and music video meeting with youth were canceled due to lack of commitment.

Jen met with Carolyn in Monroe to plan a countywide LGBTQ+ youth event at the YMCA, with the Monroe GSA leading the activity.

(Green County Pride added to the agenda)

### **Green County Pride**

Jess described that the group now has its own Facebook page that is searchable but private. Comments can be limited and events can be seen by public.

Jason described creating a Banned Book Box - similar to the Little Libraries- in Brodhead. Books would be added based on the books listed on the Human Rights Campaign.

Consideration is being given to the location to minimize vandalism.

### **Letter**

Better Brodhead received a letter from a community member that said we should not be promoting LGBTQ+ activities. The group decided that by doing public LGBTQ+ activities, the public will gradually increase their awareness.

### **Treasurer**

Due to Stephanie Pinnow's responsibilities, she is no longer able to continue as treasurer.

Jason Onken-Covert has volunteered to take over until the election in February. Since Jason cannot vote on this matter and with three board members absent, the vote on this change was not able to take place in person. Chris suggested that as long as it is permitted, that the vote take place via email. Kathy will send out the email to board members and let everyone know the results.

*Added: An email vote was taken on 10/12 Julie Taylor made a motion to accept Jason Onken-Covert as treasurer, allowing Stephanie Pinnow to step down from that role. Chris Hughes seconded the motion. No one was opposed therefore the motion passed.*

### **Open House**

Next Saturday is Better Brodhead's Open House from 10-2. We will have popcorn, and staff will be present to talk to people about the project they are working on. Parking will be by Dollar General due to the Car Show also taking place that day.

Jen said that we should send Dollar General a Thank you note for displaying the Carding is Caring Clock in the store.

### **Planning Meeting**

The next planning meeting on Oct 18th will be virtual. Tia will send out the link for the meeting.

Volunteers are needed for the Oct 22nd Brat stand Take Back event. A free brat will be handed out for everyone who drops off their unwanted prescription drugs for safe disposal.

**The next Coalition Board meeting will be Nov 8th 5:15**

