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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Cass

LCC: Partners for a Drug Free Cass County

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement: The mission statement of the Cass County Local Coordinating Council is to identify, coordinate and facilitate the use of services and available funds in meeting the county's needs of prevention, treatment, and law enforcement of alcohol and drug abuse in Cass County.

History: Laura O'Neil of the Governor's Commission first met with five representatives of Cass County in September of 1989, to establish a core for the Local Coordinating Council. Two subsequent meetings held at the Addiction Care Center in Logansport outlined the Governor's Plan for a Drug-Free Indiana and the task for the Local Coordinating Council for the year to come. The monthly meeting site was rotated around the county with initial meetings bi-weekly before setting on a regular monthly meeting time of the second Monday of each month at noon, held at the City Building, Council Chambers.

The initial task was recruiting members and gathering statistics to assess our needs in the areas of Prevention/ Education, Treatment, and Justice. The council grew quickly to sixteen members, who assessed the available services in the county that addressed those needs. Although, the needs were defined and the priorities established, it was immediately recognized that this would be an ongoing process of continual evaluation.

The Cass County LCC membership has remained the same with a decrease in regular attendance by its members. The Council uses media support and public events such as the 4-H fair to increase community awareness and involvement. Also, LCC members continue to be available to make presentations in an effort to bring greater public awareness on ways to understand, intervene, and prevent the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

The LCC has established a tradition and continues a Red Ribbon Breakfast in October of each year. The council also sponsors a poster contest for all schools in Cass County. The winners of the poster contest are awarded at the breakfast.

The planning process for the Cass County Comprehensive Plan consisted of core members brainstorming and pulling together the composites of current community events and conditions that were impacting each area of involvement.

The Cass County LCC will continue to visit the Comprehensive Community Plan on a quarterly basis to assess what has been accomplished and what still needs to be implemented or modified. At the same time, the funded programs will have a representative to present their reports of utilization of LCC funds to the council on an annual basis. Failure to comply with the funding requirements will result in future funding being withheld.

All these efforts are used to create a better community for all families in Cass County.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan: The Partners for a Drug Free Cass County is concentrating on three areas of need in this Comprehensive Community Plan Update.

1. Cass County continues to have a problem with use, misuse and abuse of alcohol.
Goal: To decrease the amount of arrests by 5% in the next three years.

2. Cass County continues to have a problem with use of marijuana.
Goal: Reduce the amount of use by 1% and increase awareness.

Membership List

County LCC Name: Partners for a Drug Free Cass County

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Lisa Andrews	Logansport School Corporation	C	F	Prevention
2	Michelle Balderas	Tyson Fresh Meats	C	F	Prevention
3	Kathy Coffing	Four County Counseling Center	C	F	Treatment
4	Cathi Collins	Logansport Police Dept	C	F	Law Enforcement
5	Rick Hollering	Youth Service Alliance	C	M	Prevention
6	Kathy Newport	Purdue Extension	C	F	Prevention
7	Randy Prior	Cass Co. Sheriff's Department	C	M	Law Enforcement
8	Brandy Rodabaugh	New Vision	C	F	Treatment
9	Lana Skelton	Snyder Counseling/ CCADCP	C	F	Prevention/ Treatment
10	Steven Snyder	Snyder Counseling/ CCADCP	C	M	Prevention/ Treatment
11	Sanford Swanson	Excise Police	B	M	Law Enforcement
12	Penny Troutman	Purdue Extension	C	F	Prevention
13	Vicki Ward	Parks Dept.	C	F	Prevention
14	Dave Wegner	Cass/ Pulaski Community Corrections	C	M	Law Enforcement

Problem Identification

A. Problem Statement #1: Cass County continues to have a problem with use, misuse and abuse of alcohol.

B. Supportive Data:

1. 42.43% of the population that participated in a local survey admitted that alcohol was the biggest problem in our county.
2. 39.37% of the population that participated in a local survey admitted that they have experimented with alcohol before the age of 21; however 38.97% of those surveyed did not answer this area of question. (The rest of the questions either denied any experimentation before age 21 or are reporting themselves as non drinkers.)
3. 76.15% of 2011 cases were directly related to alcohol; according to Snyder Counseling / CCADCP (this number includes juvenile participants)
4. 47.7% of 2011 cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to treatment, indicating alcohol abuse and/ or dependence.
5. 34.55% of 2011 cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to a substance abuse education program, indicating alcohol misuse.
6. 68.82% of 2011 cases seen by Four County Counseling Center indicate alcohol use, misuse and abuse (this number includes juvenile participants). However this number may be overlapped by the CCADCP statistics due to CCADCP is a referring facility to Four County Counseling Center.
7. 348 alcohol related arrests were made by the Logansport Police Department (LPD) from Sept 2011- Sept 2012. 32.75% of those arrests were adolescents.

End of Year 1 Update: (2013)

1. 33.06% of the population that participated in a local survey admitted that alcohol was the second largest community perceived problem in Cass County. (Coming right behind Meth by 1%)
(Note: there was a drop by 68% in survey participation)
2. 9% of the population that participated in the local survey admitted they know of kids in grades 5-8 using alcohol. 23% admitted to knowing or allowing underage drinking under adult supervision. 9% of participants did not answer this question.
(Note: survey question change)
3. 63.8% of 2012 cases were directly related to alcohol; according to Snyder Counseling / CCADCP (this number includes juvenile participants). Thus, showing a 12% decrease from 2011.
4. 51.8% of 2012 cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to treatment, indicating alcohol abuse and/ or dependence. Thus, showing a 4% rise in referral
5. 32.4% of 2012 cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to a substance abuse education program, indicating alcohol misuse. Thus, showing a 9% decrease.
6. 81.4% of cases seen by Four County Counseling Center (Sept 2012- Sept 2013) indicate alcohol use, misuse and abuse (this number includes juvenile participants). However this number may be overlapped by the CCADCP statistics due to CCADCP is a referring facility to Four County Counseling Center.

7. 296 alcohol related arrests were made by the Logansport Police Department (LPD) from Sept 2012- Sept 2013. 27.7% of those arrests were adolescents. Thus, showing an 8.5% decrease.

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C. Goals:

1. **To decrease the amount of arrests by 5% in the next three years.**
 - a. **2013 NEW GOAL: To decrease the amount of arrests by an additional 5% in the next two years.**
2. **To increase awareness to both juvenile and adult population by 5% in the next three years as indicated by annual survey done at the county fair.**
3. **To increase service availability in treatment and prevention services.**

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2013)

1. This goal has been meet and exceeded. In 2013 the decrease rate of arrests was by 8.5%. **Raising goal of arrests for the remainder of the Comprehensive Plan to: decreasing the amount of arrests by a total of 12% for the next two years.**
2. Made changes to the annual survey to be more precise and using the same questionnaire at all community projects to get a more accurate community view. Continue to provide outreach services to local schools, work places and provide public PSA's by contributing to outside programming (Cass County's YMCA's Healthy Kids' Day)
3. Currently services are available in three sites for the community. However, there are educational services and support groups within the jail program and community corrections. Logansport Memorial hosts a service through New Vision that is a medical stabilization service available for anyone age 18 and older.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2014)

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D. Objectives:

1. **Support educational sessions for area parents and youth on the dangers of alcohol use, misuse and abuse.**
2. **Support evidence-based programming with a focus at reducing alcohol and other drug use and abuse.**
3. **Help treatment facilities to offer services to those that otherwise can not afford treatment.**
4. **Help treatment facilities to offer multi-cultural education ie; pamphlets, translator services, any other educational necessity.**
5. **Provide educational presence and continue annual survey**

End of Year 1 Update: (2013)

1. Funded \$3,000.00 Have A Healthy Baby Program that addresses use, misuse and abuse while pregnant and is currently in two Cass County High schools and has been in one local middle school. 4H fair booth was approached for information as well as contact information for a Girl Scout troop visit, an educational session is planned for October. Youth Services Alliances offer an after school mentoring program that provides guidance for good judgment including the dangers of substance abuse, use and misuse. Four County Counseling Center, Logansport Police Department and Snyder Counseling (CCADCP) are all available to provide any in-service needed.
2. In addition to the programming mention in #1, the Council has also supported other evidenced based by providing funding to: Have a Healthy Baby program (\$3,000.00 servicing six pregnant teens a total of 36 classes) for ATOD teaching expenses, Youth Service Alliance (\$7,750.00 servicing approximately 100 students) prevention material and teaching expenses, CCADCP (\$1,247.40) and to Four County Counseling Center (\$2,000.00) both for workbook material. Cass/ Pulaski Community Corrections received (\$3,605.00) for ATOD curriculum. CCADCP also received (\$420.00) for required training for one employee.
3. Four County Counseling Center (\$4,251.25 thus far servicing 81 clients from January 2013 to September 2013) and Snyder Counseling (CCADCP) (\$3,251.35 thus far servicing 14 clients from January to end of June at last report) both offer indigent services with the help of the additional funding from the Council. Four County also provides a subsidized program with a sliding fee scale according to household income and supported by the Department of Mental Health.
4. Four County and Snyder Counseling (CCADCP) are both equipt to offer services to the Spanish speaking population. Snyder Counseling is also able to provide services on an as needed basis for the Bermese population. The Council provided funding in the amount of \$3,500.00 (servicing approximately 53 clients in Spanish and Loas lanaguages. From September 2012 to September 2013) to Snyder Counseling to support the interpretor availability.

5. The Partners are annually at the 4H fair extending our services to everyone. The Partners are currently involved with several community affairs such as the annual BOO Fest, Healthy Kids' Day, RX Day and the Red Ribbon Breakfast.

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A. Problem Statement #2: Cass County continues to have a problem with use of marijuana.

B. Supportive Data:

1. 37.81% of the population that participated in a local survey admitted that alcohol was the biggest problem in our county. Making this problem statement a number two perceived concern by community members.
2. 12.48% of 2011 cases were directly related to Marijuana; according to Snyder Counseling / CCADCP.
3. 47.6% of 2011 Marijuana cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to treatment.
4. 52.3% of 2011 cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to a substance abuse education program or abstinence. (This number does not include adolescents)
5. 62.07% of 2011 cases seen by Four County Counseling Center indicate Marijuana use for adults only. However, this number may be overlapped by the CCADCP statistics due to CCADCP is a referring facility to Four County Counseling Center.
6. Of the 238 clients seen indicating Marijuana use, 7% were adolescent participants at Four County Counseling Center.
7. 91 Marijuana related arrests were made by the Logansport Police Department (LPD) from Sept 2011- Sept 2012; this number also includes juvenile offenders.

End of Year 1 Update: (2013)

1. 16.87% of the population that participated in the annual survey, stated that marijuana was the third most concern in our community.
(Note: there was a drop by 68% in survey participation)
2. 17.5% of 2012 cases were directly related to Marijuana; according to Snyder Counseling / CCADCP. Showing an increase by 4.57%
3. 56.8% of 2012 Marijuana cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to treatment. Showing a 9.2% increase in cases that meet treatment referral criteria.
4. 33.7% of 2012 cases seen by the CCADCP were referred to a substance abuse education program or abstinence. Showing an 18.6% decrease in cases meeting substance abuse education program criteria or abstinence. Hence, the increase in treatment.
5. 53% of cases seen by Four County Counseling Center (Sept. 2012- Sept. 2013) indicate Marijuana use for adults only. However, this number may be overlapped

by the CCADCP statistics due to CCADCP is a referring facility to Four County Counseling Center. This shows a decrease of 9.7% for this one reporting facility. However, this may not be an accurate number due to the recording process used by the agency. Poly substance reports do not allow for a drug break down.

- 6. Due to the change of reporting within this facility, this number could not be varified.
- 7. 100 Marijuana related arrests were made by the Logansport Police Department (LPD) from Sept 2012- Sept 2013; this number also includes juvenile offenders. Showing a raise in arrests by 9%.

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C. Goals:

- 1. **Reduce use of marijuana by 1% within the next three years and increase awareness.**
- 2. **Increase number of treatment and prevention services focusing on marijuana and its affects.**
- 3. **Increase family/parent education on marijuana use.**

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks: (2013)

- 1. The council will continue to bring information to the public via outreach projects and trainings for organized programs. The annual survey shows the community sees this as a problem; however, there is still an issue with use in this community.
- 2. The community has access to multiple facilities for treatment, with the use of the New Vision program via Memorial Hospital. Also, the council is active with the prevention partners and evidence based programming.
- 3. The council is working with the Cass County YMCA with the Healthy Kids' Day as well as the Red Ribbon Week Breakfast to encourage both child and parent awareness. Also, the Have a Healthy Baby program educates pregnant teens/ new mothers on the dangers of marijuana/smoking. This is a continued event that the council supports. The Partners have made contact with the Girls Scouts and confirmed an educational session for middle school aged girls and their parents/ troop leaders to attend.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks: (2014)

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D. Objectives:

1. **Support evidence-based youth prevention program aimed at reducing marijuana use.**
2. **Provide educational events for parents, educators, youth service providers.**
3. **Support community prevention efforts and other environmental strategies to begin changing community norms.**
4. **Provide availability of treatment facility choice**

End of Year 1 Update: (2013)

1. The council has invested financially in the evidence-based youth prevention programming such as: Have a Healthy Baby (\$3,000.00) and Youth Service Alliance (\$7,750.00).
2. The partners of the councils are all available to give in-services or drug awareness convocations to anyone interested. The LPD continues to progress in this area with talking to kids at schools. The council has recently been contacted and an appointment has been made by a Girl Scout troop for a lesson in drug awareness.
3. As stated before, our council continues to invest in our community. The council provides funding to have an officer for the RDAY (\$400.00) for 4 days of proper disposal of medications, Red Ribbon Breakfast (\$1,600.00) is an awards breakfast that honors the adolescents that participate in a poster contest and essay contest and involves the high school participation by performing at the breakfast or judging the posters, the community corrections also helps by judging poster entries. Also, this breakfast honors an advocate of the year that is nominated. This event had an attendance of approximately 130 school aged children with their parents. The Cass County YMCA's Healthy Kids' Day (\$250.00, addressing approximately 36 kids, number is low due to the location change and lack of publication), The Boo Fest (\$300.00, accessing 255 children in attendance) an outreach project that focuses on children and parents at Halloween time. Prevention effort is a continuing effort in all aspects of our work with the community and within our networking partners.
4. The Council sees the importance of the availability to choose a treatment facility. Funding an indigent scholarship fund helps the treatment facilities to make it possible for clients to otherwise not have treatment available. Currently two treatment agencies received financial contributions to the indigent scholarship fund: Four County Counseling (\$4,251.25) and Snyder Counseling (\$3251.35). Also, the council provided funds towards an interpreter for Snyder Counseling (\$3,500.00); this allows the facility to serve clients in his/her native languages. Snyder Counseling is offering services for Spanish, English and Laos. Four County also offers Spanish services as well.

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Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: 9/2015

Date of Community Consultant Review:

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