



MADCAT Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2009

Noon, Western Sizzlin Steak House, Athens

McMinn Anti-Drug Coalition Aiding Teens (MADCAT) met in general session on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. After an opening prayer by Vant Hardaway, Dr. Bettie Elwood welcomed the group and made introductions. There were attendees representing school, government, church, civic and law enforcement entities, with a total of 24 present.

It was announced that MADCAT had been awarded a grant to “Mobilize Communities to Reduce Teen Prescription Drug Abuse.” The keynote speaker was Dr. David Collins, Research Scientist with Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation (PIRE). Dr. Collins will be working with MADCAT on the grant, as one of the requirements is to survey students in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 to get baseline data. He discussed his role in the survey process and outlined the basic infrastructure. Grant funds will also provide for a part-time Community Prevention Organizer to be hired to carry out the grant.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved (Wayne Ingram, Frances McMahan), and the Financial Report distributed indicated there was \$656.29 on hand.

It was announced that workers were needed to man the Pumpkintown booth on October 10. A sign-up sheet was posted near the door.

Other announcements:

- * September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
- * Volunteers are needed for Focus Group meetings for Prescription Drug Abuse and Underage Drinking.
- * October 23 – 31 is Red Ribbon Week

The next meeting will be September 30, 2009 at Western Sizzlin.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Barham, Secretary