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A Word From The Director

Spring is that time of year we celebrate renewal.

The Council is renewing its commitment to supporting a drug-free lifestyle for Jackson County by offering over \$35,000.00 in mini-grants this year to deserving law enforcement, treatment and prevention initiatives designed to help stem the tide of substance abuse in our schools, workplaces and communities in general.

The Council is also revamping its Policy and Procedures Manual in its con-

tinuing efforts to promote a more effective Council, board and committees.

Spring is also that time of year we write the federal grant application in support of the Friendly PEERsua-sion program presented by Girls Inc. to seventh grade students in all of the county's school systems, and the Boys and Girls Club's Smart Moves summer program.

Spring—what a wonderful time of the year to re-dedicate our commitment to the people and especially the children of our county.

Schneck Medical Center Health Fair

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April 1st was no ordinary April Fools Day thanks to Schneck Medical Center's Annual Health Fair. No children playing practical jokes and yelling APRIL FOOL! Instead, several local organizations interested in health concerns set up booths offering local residents a wide variety of health screenings and information.

The Drug-Free Council was no exception. Thanks to the efforts of our President, Brenda Turner, and Board member, Myra Mellen-camp, the Council was able to distribute valuable educational and awareness information about substance abuse issues and the Council's efforts to end such

destructive behavior.

According to Brenda, the Health Fair went very well with visitors taking a number of informational and promotional materials.

The soft, rubber "brain" stress relievers proved popular with the crowds visiting the booth. Other giveaways prompting the Council logo, website and drug activity tip line included pens, sticky notepads and t-shirts.

The Council would like to thank Schneck Medical Center for sponsoring the health fair and inviting us to participate again this year.

Council Sponsors Satellite Telecasts

Jackson County Drug-Free Council, Inc. in conjunction with the Jackson County Public Library sponsored two satellite telecasts on April 20th and May 2nd.

The April presentation was entitled “Kids, Drugs, & Violence,” and the May telecast was entitled “Peers Influence Peers XII- Youth in Recovery.”

Both telecasts were scheduled as “Brown Bag” lunch-

eon events to accommodate the professional provider community’s needs.

The Council will assess the impact of these informational events to determine if the series will be extended to include future presentations to better serve our local providers.



Leadership Jackson County Team to Develop CD “What to Know About Drugs and Alcohol in Jackson County”

A Jackson County Leadership Project was developed by Craig Hayes, Seymour Police Dept., Matt Thompson, Aisin, and Cathy Hackman, Home Federal. Their project and presentation is entitled, “What to Know About Drugs and Alcohol in Jackson County.” The goal of the project group is to provide a CD as a resource, specific to Jackson County, which compiles information and statistical data. Local agencies will

be able to use the historical data to prepare reports and applications for federal, state, and local grants that can be used to combat drugs and alcohol problems in Jackson County. A CD of the presentation is to be made available, and the presentation will also be posted on the Jackson County Drug-Free Council Web Site.

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Mini-Grants!

Over \$35,000.00 in Drug-Free Mini-Grants were awarded to deserving local law enforcement, treatment and prevention programs for 2006.

A mini-grant application review committee was established to oversee the grant process, interview applicants and then determine allocation of the funds available.

The committee consisted of both Council members and concerned citizens with the assistance of the local State Consultant.

Grants are allocated to projects in the three categories in roughly equal amounts.

The recommended allocations are then taken before the County Board of Commissioners and the County Council for their approval before the funds can be dis-

bursed to the grantees by the auditor's office.

2006 grantees included Anchor House Family Shelter, Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, Jackson County Sheriff's Department, Medora Jr/Sr High School, Polarity Counseling, Celebrate Recovery, Jackson County Drug and Alcohol Court Services, Indiana State Police, Christopher and Associates and Jackson County 4-H.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Drug-Free Council has undertaken the revision of their Policy and Procedures Manual to better define the responsibilities of the Council, its Board and Committees in carrying out their duties.

The revision is expected to help streamline Council procedures and provide a single resource point for the Board membership.