

Richmond Safe Communities Alliance Board
Year 2005 - 2006

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Christa Mullaly - Addiction Specialist - Richmond Addiction Services

Coordinator - Dianne Robinson (to Jan 2006)

Financial Statement

Balance Sheet

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash & Deposits	\$18,225.	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,632.
		Surplus	<u>\$16,593.</u>
	\$18,225.		\$18,225.

Operating Statement for Year End June 30, 2005

	Income		Expenses
Sponsorship/Donations	\$16,000.	Insurance: Directors & Officers	\$ 771.
Safe Communities Grant	\$ 3,600.	Office Supplies	\$ 362.
Interest	\$ 8.	Coordinator	\$ 1,632.
		PO Box Rental	\$ 46.
		Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 204.</u>
			\$ 3,015.
		Net Income for Year	\$16,593.
	\$19,608.		\$19,608.

**Richmond Safe Communities Alliance
Year-End/Annual Report
2005**

Mission:

The Richmond Safe Communities Alliance (RSCA) is dedicated to creating a safe community to live, work, and play, where everyone takes responsibility for the community health and safety.

Executive Summary

The Richmond Safe Communities Alliance has experienced a successful first year. The original business plan was modified to allow for a concentrated effort on three of the eight noted safety concerns for the Richmond Community. The objectives of the three chosen safety areas, Substance Use, Misuse and Addictions, Traffic Safety for Road Users and Slips Trips and Falls have been achieved. Each of these Richmond Safe Communities Alliance sub-committees have brought together community leaders and organizations to develop a strong collaborative and integrated effort in each of the above mentioned community safety concerns.

The Richmond Safe Communities Alliance had their Annual General Meeting in June, allowing them to transition from an interim board to a permanent board.

Our focus for 2006 will continue to be that of a supportive role for our community partners. The RSCA will be the conduit bringing government, community and business leaders together, with the final result being a safe and healthy Richmond community.

Summary of Results of Year 2004/2005 Objectives

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<p>Substance Use, Misuse and Addictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To increase community safety through public awareness and understanding of substance use, misuse and addictions. ➤ To establish a collaborative relationship with Richmond Substance Abuse Task Force with a focus on community safety. ➤ To explore the need and viability for expanding services around safe handling and disposal of used needles. ➤ Developing and implementing a Meth Watch Program for Richmond. The Meth Watch program involves the identification and education of the businesses/industries, manufacturing and/or selling, the precursors to produce crystal meth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Although the ultimate objective is still in progress, the SUMA sub-group has been very pleased with the enthusiasm and dedication by the involved stakeholders in working on the project. One of the major successes of the project to date has been the keen interest and support that has been exhibited by the community partners and the commitment to seeing plan to completion. Without this continuous support, it would not have been possible to be so successful in mobilizing Richmond's Meth Watch Program.

<p>Traffic Safety for Road Users (TSRU)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To increase community awareness and response to traffic safety issues. ➤ To increase the awareness of child passenger seat safety, with emphasis to groups that may not be aware of the legal requirements for proper child passenger seat usage. ➤ To partner with and facilitate existing educational awareness programs to create an effective communication strategy relating to traffic safety practices for road users. ➤ To increase the awareness of the importance of booster seat usage. ➤ The TSRU Committee will utilize already published written materials and established programs to communicate the safety message to all cultural sectors of the Richmond community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The sub-committee examined the types of translated infant child restraint information currently available. The distribution points for this information was explored. The results were that ICBC translated information on child restraints were distributed at key locations in Richmond such as at Richmond Fire/Rescue Car Seat Clinics, Richmond Public Health, Richmond Hospital - neonatal ward and at large events such as Kidsake Day at the Richmond Auto Mall. ➤ Groups having access to clients who require translated materials were also contacted and notified on the types of infant child restrain information available. ➤ For the sub-committee to further develop a distribution system would duplicate efforts already taking in place within the community. ➤ The sub-committee will monitor any future opportunities to enhance the existing child restraint education system in Richmond
<p><u>Slips, Trips and Falls</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promote safety by working to reduce the risk factors, for seniors aged 65 and over, by addressing environmental hazards areas. ➤ Reduce the number of falls reported within the past six months by seniors, by ten percent over the next three years. ➤ Increase the number of reports of outdoor hazards to the city of Richmond's Fall Prevention Hotline ➤ Increase the number of partnerships (both public and private businesses) in senior fall prevention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Slips, Trips and Falls brought together a large number of citizens representing a cross section of interested individuals, senior organizations, community agencies, health services, city services, and businesses. ➤ Common interests between, the above-mentioned organizations, individuals and groups have been identified. ➤ A grant was received to promote community action on falls prevention.

Summary of Year 2006 Objectives

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General <ul style="list-style-type: none">⇒ The RSCA will continue to build towards a safe healthy community in which to live, work and play, by continuing to deliver the message of safety and wellness to our citizens.⇒ The RSCA will review the original eight community safety areas to work towards achieving our goals and vision in our community. Working with and developing community partners/partnerships we want to ensure we are promoting safety awareness in the homes, workplaces and recreational areas of this community.
Substance Use Misuse and Addictions (SUMA) <ul style="list-style-type: none">⇒ SUMA will continue to monitor and support the Meth Program as well as explore the viability of locating more sharps receptacles in strategic places in the community.
Slips Trips and Falls <ul style="list-style-type: none">⇒ The sub-committee focus will be to promote environmental changes in the Richmond community and heighten the awareness amongst the citizens.⇒ A fall prevention workshop/session for all ages is being organized, to highlight home safety and traffic awareness.

Attachments:

Richmond Safe Communities Alliance Board Members

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