

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition  
Monthly Coalition Meeting  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 8:00 a.m.  
Metropolis City Hall

MINUTES

1. Welcome
  - a. In-person- Robbin McDaniel (Massac Memorial Hospital), Rick Neighbors (Community Member), Josh Stratemeyer (Government Sector Rep), Toni Miller (Exec Committee), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep), Jasmine Robinson (DFC Project Coordinator), Jordan Strong (ROSC Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (RecoveryCorps Recovery Navigator), Jessica Beasley (RecoveryCorps Recovery Navigator), Evon Croft (Recovery Corps Project Coordinator)
  - b. Zoom- Steve Miller (Civic Sector Rep), Sydney Shelton (S7HD), Mary Smith (Executive Committee), Austin Scott (Community Christian Church Pastor)
2. Approve Old Minutes- No changes were required. Toni Miller made a motion to approve the minutes. Robbin McDaniel seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, Motion Passed.
3. Executive Committee Report- All things will be mentioned throughout the meeting.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability
  - a. Trivia Night - canceled- We had a date conflict through Elks with the Rebuilding Together nonprofit. Due to last year's attendance and not a lot of momentum this year, we have decided not to do the Trivia Night on November 18th and hope that we can get other ideas or pull in more support and interest through the upcoming year.
  - b. County Opioid Settlement- We have been approved for \$30,000 from the Opioid funds. It has not yet been received. We appreciate Josh and the county commissioners for their support.
5. Prevention - Jasmine
  - a. Youth Advisory Council updates- MCHS has good open meetings, averaging 20+ at most meetings. They did announcements for Red Ribbon Week, handed out Red Ribbons for students to tie to their

backpacks, and did a clothespin mental health campaign. Through talking with their peers, they found other students did not like the announcements. Some comments were that they were hard to hear, monotone speaking, or just annoying, so this might be the last time for the school announcements to be a part of the plan. The ribbons and clothespins went over well and had great reactions from the clothespins. We had 1 YAC member do the Trunk or Treat at Fort Massac in partnership with the Metropolis Police Department. This was a great event and we ended up running out of candy within the first hour. We are also working to get a YAC in Joppa Jr/Sr High School. We have had a meeting with the superintendent and the new principal and just waiting to hear back on a few details moving forward.

- b. Red Ribbon Week recap- Red Ribbon Week went as good as ever. We got good feedback on all the items, and we started the essay contest back up again. While we got essays from all the schools, we didn't get them from all 4th through 6th grade from each school, we gave out 12 awards at the Recovery Resource night to the following children:
  - 1. Peyton Sullivan- Brookport Elementary School, 4th
  - 2. Julie Cuculista- Unity Elementary School, 4th
  - 3. Aubrey Jones- Franklin Elementary School, 4th
  - 4. Emmy Shelby- Franklin Elementary School, 5th
  - 5. Layla Kathrynn Holbrook, Jefferson Elementary School, 4th
  - 6. Isabella Farley- Jefferson Elementary School, 6th
  - 7. HadLeigh Ramey, Metropolis Elementary School, 5th
  - 8. Kayden Kline- Metropolis Elementary School, 6th
  - 9. Jaiden Dixon- Metropolis Elementary School, 6th
  - 10. Caden Anderson, Metropolis Elementary School, 6th
  - 11. Chance Summers, Maple Grove Elementary School, 4th
  - 12. Maci Crawford, Life Academy
- c. Drug Takeback recap- Through Partnership with the Police Department, we were able to take part in Drug Takeback Day, and we received 23 pounds of prescription medications people no longer needed!
- d. Alcohol Policy update- We did not get accepted into the Alcohol Policy Academy. Going forward, we still believe this would be a worthwhile program to get a Social Host Ordinance, but it is just harder now without continued support and instructions. Looking for coalition support as we might try to take some steps and then reapply in March when the next session comes around.

## 6. Recovery/ROSC - Jordan

- a. Recovery Resource Night recap- The event was held at the community center. Nearly all of the attendees were there for Red Ribbon Week Awards with their children, so we do not think we reached much of our intended audience. Several agencies were represented so that was successful. We are considering attaching the resource event to something like the recovery walk next year. Open to suggestions or thoughts.
- b. Ribbon Cutting Recap- Well-attended with many people from the community and local business owners/chamber members. Terra will have it in the paper sometime in the future. Several attendees took information to have displayed in their businesses. A lot of networking took place during the open house for the resource center-a person looking for services came in on the tail end of the open house and we were able to connect with and get her to treatment that day.
- c. Recovery Council update- Continues to grow, with new members coming often. Last meeting we ran out of seats-purpose is to bring people in recovery together and give them a place to share their ideas and thoughts concerning all things recovery. A new person at the last meeting brought up people having meetings required as part of probation/pretrial/etc. may be the push needed to get people into support groups to aid in their recovery. Josh explains that can be a part/condition of an individual's case or probation-things like evaluations, treatment(in and out-patient), meetings may be included in this but not specified as to which one.
- d. Resource Center update-Things are going really well with these services being made available people are utilizing peer support in different capacities (treatment, connection to other resources, transportation to treatment). New opportunities have come up where we will now be able to sit in the courtroom to help remove any potential access barriers for individuals that could benefit from MCDACs peer support services. We have spoken with Brandy from pretrial who is going to inform us of the days ahead of time that there will be several likely candidates for peer support services. We were able to go into the jail for the first time to meet with someone concerning getting into treatment, this has been discussed with the Sheriff concerning the ability to do so and we are working on the jail referrals. A flyer has been made to indicate the services we offer and will be placed somewhere in the booking and processing area. It went well and we look forward to continuing working with the jail and Sheriff's department on this.
- e. Narcan Outreach-Efforts in this area have increased due to the need. Through Chris Dennis From Egyptian Health, we were able to get the Narcan box placed in the gas station on 12th Street and we have 4 more

boxes coming with 2 more being placed here in Metropolis and one each in Joppa and Brookport. On November 10, Jordan was able to get out into the community to local businesses/bars and make contact with owners concerning Overdose Prevention and distribute Narcan when accepted. Nearly every business was interested in keeping some in their store/business as well as information on the resource center and peer support services offered here at MCDAC. Fifty boxes of Narcan were given out that day.

- f. Rides to Recovery -We need for more volunteers for this program. Currently, MCDAC is able to transport often due to Jordan's peer internship which ends in December. We will likely have a new intern starting from the same program in January but it is not confirmed. This has been the most utilized aspect of peer support and we look for it to continue being needed. Transportation program: we have been looking at implementing a transportation program in which MCDAC would lease a vehicle but would need a lesser term than the typical 3 year lease offered by manufacturers. We have discussed keeping it contained to the courthouse as far as destinations for court, probation, pretrial etc. Individuals would also need to be participating in MCDAC's peer support in some capacity to be eligible for the transportation program.
- g. Ministerial Alliance Presentation-Jordan presented the ROSC strategic plan at this meeting yesterday, also covering the peer support services now offered by MCDAC at the Recovery Resource Center as well as the outreach and events we are currently holding and their success. She explained that the laundry events have been really well attended proving opportunities for relationship building. Jordan also explained that potential partnerships existed for things like donations of laundry detergent and dryer sheets. During the ministerial meeting, they made a motion to sponsor November's event and wrote a check for \$150 dollars to cover most of the machine expenses. We will be asking for continued support from this group/individual churches continuously.
- h. Jail Christmas Bags/Exit Bags (Evon) -Evon shared her two projects coming up and explained that we would be accepting donations for both- the Christmas Care package program does have a deadline of December 18th. The jail exit bag project will be continuous as they will be giving them out to all individuals as they are released from Massac County Jail.

- 7. Public Comment/Other- No other public comment  
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 AM