



Tuesday, February 20, 2024
11:00am-12:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

1. Attendance:

In Person: (7)

Cary Trame, Retired ISP
Dan Hutchison, Chestnut Prevention Dept.
Michelle Wasser, Gateway Foundation
Bree Polk, HYFS
Heather Creasy, HYFS
Patrick Miller, IL Faith & Recovery Collaborative
Nellie Baity, TAC

Via Zoom: (18)

Toni Randall, BCRC
Alicia Moesner, RCORP Grant
Cara Loddeke, PLE/Clinton County Overdose Awareness
Jessica Palazzolo, Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Health
Monique Brunious, BCRC
Phyllis Babrove, FLE
Deb Loddeke, TAC/PAL
Jennifer Schultz, Centerstone
Dusty Hanner, OEND/DOPP
Betsey Yoder, Corrections Nurse
Jeff Roderick, Gateway Foundation
Ken Sterner, IL DEA Counterdrug Task Force
Danielle Voelkel, RCORP
Katie Unthank, Statewide ROSC
Anna Michealchunk, Admin. Of IL Courts Office
Beverly Holland, Statewide ROSC TA
Tisha Lancaster, DCFS
Mark Knott, MERC

2. **Speaker: Tavan Hiestand and Amber King with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children):** Advocates for the best interest of children who have been abused and neglected. Based on the belief that children are entitled to a safe and permanent home, CASA works in collaboration with legal counsel and community resources to serve as the child's advocate and represent the child in juvenile court. Court Appointed Special Advocates of Southern Illinois is comprised of dedicated volunteers, trained to assist our children in need. As a result of our volunteers, extremely vulnerable children and youth are supported by caring and committed advocates, providing reassurance and stability through the sea of case workers, attorneys, therapists and care givers. They currently are supporting 13 children in Clinton County and have 8 volunteers. You must be 21 to be a CASA Advocate and complete a training. They are always looking for people to become advocates. You can learn more about their organization here: <https://www.casawilliamsoncounty.com/our-mission.html>

3. **Sub Committee Reports:** (we need people to serve on committees and help with our work!!)

A. **Education & Prevention**- Heather Creasy-Chairperson

- Illinois Youth Survey update: As of 2/12/24, we have 6 schools signed up: Aviston Elementary, Bartelso Elementary, Carlyle High School, Germantown Elementary, Mater Dei High School, North Wamac Grade School, and Willow Grove Elementary. For the data to count, we need more schools to sign up!
- In the News for February (see attached)
- NFADW: Putting together a plan for schools to use.

B. **Law Enforcement**- Ken Sterner-Chairperson: no report

C. **Treatment & Recovery**- Cara Loddeke/Alicia Moesner- Co-Chairpersons

- Overdose Awareness Day will be on Saturday evening, 8/31/24. If you can help with this, let us know.

D. **Family Support**-Craig Loddeke-Chairperson:

- Facebook Page - "Family, Friends and Addicts Stronger Together".
- PAL Group meeting weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm.
- Family Support Network needs ideas on getting more activity with this warm line.
- Celebrate Life: September 22nd, 2-6pm, Breese Northside Park. Formed planning committee for 2024 event. Reach out to Craig if you can help plan event or volunteer that day.

E. **Finance**- Deb Loddeke-Chairperson:

- Budget update: \$1500 in checking account
- Communities Talk Stipend – received \$750.
- \$1000 donation from group that did "Love Recovery" event.

F. **Marketing**– Chairperson-Open: (who can help lead this committee??)

- Facebook presence increased again! Last month we reported 797 followers. We are now at 916!
- Instagram-Follow us: take-action-coalition

4. Board members needed. Can you serve in this volunteer capacity? Reach out to Nellie or Deb if you can.
5. April event for youth/families being planned to coincide with Prevent Child Abuse month.
6. **Gap Analysis:** no new gaps reported. Probation/Drug Court asked for help with transportation. We gave them some Casey's \$10 gas cards. Nellie networked with the 708 Mental Health Board and SCT to reinstate some bus routes to help with transportation needs in the county.
7. Successes for the month: Engaging more PLE's; better meeting attendance;
Challenges for the month: Finding a new Marketing Chairperson; getting people to serve on Board; writing our ROSC NOFO.
8. **Additional Information/Announcements:** Anyone else have anything to share?
 - Together for Youth Summit on March 26th/Youth Mental First Aid Training on March 27th

The next meeting will be March 19, 2024 in person and at same Zoom link.

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