

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2024
Metropolis City Hall
MINUTES

1. Welcome
 - a. In-person- Robbin McDaniels (Executive Committee/Health Sector Rep), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep/Metropolis Police Dept), Toni Miller (Executive Committee), Rick Neighbors (Community Member), Josh Stratemeyer (States Attorney), Laken Gallo (Guardian Family Services), Christy Bradbury (Community Member), Jade Chew (Illinois National Guard), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine Robinson (Prevention Coordinator), Jordan Strong (Recovery Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (Peer Recovery Specialist)
 - b. Zoom- Steve Miller (Civic Sector Rep/Kiwanis), Michael Deno (House of Care), Mikah Jeffers (Massac County Mental Health), Mary Smith (Executive Committee), Beverly Holland (Region 5 ROSC), Dave Park (Kiwanis)
2. Approve Old Minutes—No changes were made. Harry Masse moved to approve the minutes, which Rick Neighbors seconded. All were in favor, none opposed.
3. Executive Committee - With the new fiscal year, the Executive Committee had to vote for a new Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Congratulations to chair Toni Miller, Treasurer Steve Johnson, and Secretary Morgan Holt.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability
 - a. Grant Updates- We finally found out that we received the Drug-Free Communities grant for the next five years. This will be the last five year term, but CADCA is lobbying for another five years to help make a more considerable impact for coalitions in the program.
5. Prevention - Jasmine
 - a. Youth Advisory Councils - Massac County High School's YAC has had two meetings thus far and we have roughly 63 youth signed up. They are currently working on Red Ribbon Week and deciding what they want to do. They are also working on getting footage for a promotional video to share at Truth and Consequences in May to recruit more 8th graders for when they come to the high school. We have seen a large number of

freshmen this year with close to half being freshmen. Joppa YAC has had some scheduling issues, and we had to move the first meeting to September 26th; we hope to hit the ground running next week.

- b. Red Ribbon Week - October 28—November 1—This Red Ribbon Week's theme is "Life is a Movie. Film Drug-Free." MCDAC has just ordered the items for all the bags and planned the Essay Contest. Instead of a big ceremony, we have decided to go to each classroom to celebrate each student who won.
 - c. Teacher Kit Feedback—We gave out roughly 100 folders during the Second week of school. All the secretaries seemed very pleased and excited about the kits and were excited to give them out. In the following days, we heard from multiple teachers saying they enjoyed the folders and found them very helpful.
 - d. Drug-Endangered Children Alliance- We are hoping to get a meeting together to talk about how to come together and work as an alliance. We received the Ronald McDonald House Charities grant for about \$2500; some of this money went towards the Laundry Events and the rest will go towards backpacks for drug-endangered children. We also want to begin work on the Handle with Care program within our county, as it is now a statewide initiative. During the DEC Alliance Meeting, we will need to work out HIPAA and other regulations of the different agencies to find the best process.
6. Recovery - Jordan
- a. Recovery Council Update- 6 New Participants in attendance at last meeting. Two were from an agency that has just been awarded a grant to work with homeless people in several counties, Massac being one of them. We will continue to work with them to see how we can collaborate as they map out the outreach plans here in Massac. The first group outing will be October 10 -Hiking at Ferne Clyffe. We will have the Recovery Council Meeting available on zoom starting in November. Please email or call MCDAC to be added to the list to receive a link for the recovery council meeting. Stipends are given to reward participants for their participation and taking their time to share their experiences with us.
 - b. Recovery Walk - September 28- We are finalizing plans and getting everything organized. We will have 16 agencies set up at our last count and anyone is still welcome to sign up for this. Planning on agencies arriving by 9:15-9:30 to set up their tables. It begins @ 10am and the walk will be at 10:30 with food and games after. Volunteers needed and appreciated to help set up/clean up. Meeting with park staff next week to

finalize and make sure everything is in order. A Bounce house will be there for little ones, and prizes and shirts will be available.

- c. Second Chance Job Fair-Looking into gathering a list of employers open to hiring people with criminal backgrounds. Plan to begin meeting with businesses to talk about what this would look like and see if they would be interested in participating in a local second chance job fair. Transportation is often an issue as well as criminal history so this may be a good opportunity for people that would fall into both of those categories to have a place to seek potential employment to fit their needs.
7. Resource Center - Lasha SMART Meetings - Wednesdays & Fridays
 - a. SMART Recovery Meetings are held twice a week now. We have had an increase in participants and others reaching out to look for volunteer opportunities.
 8. Public Comment/Other- Guardian Family Services has an upcoming domestic violence awareness month event, so be on the lookout for more information. Harry Masse confirmed the October 26 DEA Drug Take Back Day and announced October 30 as the Trunk or Treat.

Harry Masse made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Toni Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 8:00 a.m., Metropolis City Hall