

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Zoom
Minutes

1. Welcome
 - a. Introductions - Jade Chew (IL Counterdrug), Serena Smith (Rural Health), Laken Atkinson (Guardian Family Services), Gary Jennings (Kiwanis), Jasmine Robinson (DFC Project Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (RecoveryCorps Recovery Navigator), Melissa Brenningmeyer (RecoveryCorps Project Coordinator)
2. Approve Old Minutes- No changes were made to the old minutes. Lasha Vincent made a motion to approve the minutes, Laken Atkinson Seconded. All in favor, none opposed.
3. Executive Committee- Everything from the meeting will be covered.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability
 - a. Donations- We received a donation from Powers United Methodist Church. Jasmine read the letter that came with it. We appreciate their donation and continuous support of our mission.
5. Prevention - Jasmine
 - a. Youth Advisory Councils- MCHS YAC and Joppa YAC are currently planning for Red Ribbon Week. They are both wanting to pass out bracelets to their respective schools. MCHS YAC are also looking at going to the junior high to pass out bracelets and make a mark on the younger students. Joppa YAC has about 10 members and have created flyers for RRW and begun planning more and more initiatives for their school.
 - b. Red Ribbon Week - October 28 - November 1- We created the bags for all the teachers on October 7th and set a MCDAC record by finishing in 30 minutes with the amount of support that we had. These packs will be passed out later next week.
 - i. Wear Red Day - Tuesday, October 29- All the schools have approved their wear red day as Tuesday October 29th. If you, your organization/agency, or club want to participate please send us pictures and we will post on social media.
 - c. Drug Take Back - October 26- We are working with the Metropolis Police Department for the National Take Back Day. We are looking at condensing the hours to make it easier for all concerned. We are also looking for volunteers for this event.

- d. Trunk or Treat - October 30- Also with the Metropolis Police Department they are hosting their Trunk or Treat at Ft. Massac on October 30th 5-8pm. We are looking for volunteers for this event.
 - e. Drug-Endangered Children Alliance- We are working on setting up a meeting for the Alliance. We are currently looking at November 13 at 11:30am. We are currently looking for a location for this meeting and will update everyone when we secure a spot.
6. Recovery - Lasha
- a. Recovery Walk Recap- We were amazed at the turn out due to us having to postpone the event due to rain. We had 10 organizations/ agencies in attendance. Thank you to Rebecca Williams from Lighthouse for sharing her story of recovery with us.
 - b. Recovery Council Update- Last Thursday the Recovery Council had its first outing and went hiking at Ferne Clyffe. The Recovery Council is steadily growing and we are excited for its future.
 - c. RecoveryCorps- The new RecoveryCorps member started on September 30th. We are excited to introduce our new Project Coordinator, Melissa Brenningmeyer. She is already doing great work.
7. Resource Center - Lasha
- a. SMART Recovery Meetings - Wednesdays & Fridays- Wednesday at 4:30 pm and Friday at 10 am we are having SMART recovery meetings and last roughly 30 minutes to an hour.
8. Public Comment/Other
- a. Rural Health is having a Trunk or Treat on October 30th in Anna.
 - b. URCC meeting is on October 31 at Shawnee College in Anna.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m., Metropolis City Hall