

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m.
Metropolis City Hall/Zoom

AGENDA

1. Welcome
 - a. In-person- Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep), Toni Miller (Exec. Committee), Darla Bond (Private Counselor), Laken Gallo (Guardian Family Services), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (Prevention Coordinator), Jordan Strong (Recovery Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (Youth Engagement Specialist)
 - b. Zoom- Tor Neal (Arrowleaf), Josh Stratemeyer (States Attorney), Dave Park (Kiwanis), Steve Miller (Civic Sector Rep), Trina Martin (Arrowleaf), Kerie Rumsey (S7HD), Bev Holland (ROSC), Johanna Gonzalez (ROSC)
2. Approve Old Minutes- No changes were made. Harry Masse made the motion to approve the minutes. Toni Miller seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed, motion carries.
3. Executive Committee - No report given from the last meeting.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability
 - a. Opioid Settlement- We are receiving opioid settlement funds from the County. We found out from the newspaper and Josh Stratemeyer. Thank you to Josh for helping us get those funds and being a constant supporter of MCDAC. We also received an additional \$15,000.00 for the DEC Alliance.
5. Prevention - Jasmine
 - a. Drug-Free Communities Action Plan-
 - b. Youth Advisory Council- MCHS and Joppa Both worked on Red Ribbon Week. In Joppa, we learned handing out things in the morning was not the best idea for their school culture. MCHS handed out bracelets to the high school and junior high school and ribbons to the high school. Currently, we are working on December's National Driving Impaired Prevention Month with both YACs. Joppa wants to work on an assembly about the driving impaired. MCHS wants to pass out keychains that that say "Be Aware,

Don't Drive Impaired”

- c. BASE Grant- Lasha started a new position with Take Action Today as a Youth Engagement Specialist. She will still be working at MCDAC and helping with the YACs and then hopefully starting her own youth groups in the neighboring counties.
- d. Red Ribbon Week Recap- Red Ribbon Week was October 28- November 1. We got many Essay Contest Participants and they will be recognized on Facebook. We also got some good feedback about Red Ribbon Week.
- e. Drug Takeback Recap- October 26th- This time we shortened it to 10-12 due to normally not having many come from 12-2. We collected 4 pounds of prescription drugs. Thanks to the Metropolis Police Department for hosting the event and disposing of the collected drugs.
- f. Drug-Endangered Children (DEC) Alliance- We had a meeting last Wednesday and have begun working on Handle with Care and the Backpack project. We are scheduling meetings with the superintendent of Joppa and Massac County and the Sheriffs department to determine the best way to implement Handle with care. We are also beginning work on the Backpacks by scheduling meetings with James127 and DCFS to work on what we need. We will also be reaching out about donations for the bags.

6. Recovery - Jordan

- a. Recovery Council Update- New attendees for the November meeting and have the next outing scheduled for 01/09 and will be a painting class taught by Betty Diles. We have had good feedback about this outing and are looking forward to it. We will have a flyer or post concerning how to reach out to sign up. We need to know how many are signed up so she can get the supplies ahead of time.
- b. Survey Questions- We are working on choosing ten out of fifteen questions that were pulled from previous community surveys we have conducted to add to the ten IDHS SUPR is having us add to the survey. We will collect submissions via online and in person from different groups (Kiwanis, Rotary, Hospital, Housing Authority, etc.) Question 10 on the previous questions list for us to choose from is a good question but needs to be worded differently. Tor is willing to help with setting up a matrix for some of our added questions to still be able to ask them and keep them more concise. Anyone with input concerning these questions is welcome

to share thoughts.

- c. Narcan- Distribution boxes are now being filled by Melissa Brenningmeyer (Recovery Corps), she's taking this over and recording the numbers, data shows numbers increased in September and continued to increase through today. Based on speaking to people out in the community, we believe people are using the Narcan but not calling the authorities. Chief Masse said people are overusing, not exactly understanding how it works and are likely not calling authorities because they don't understand the law and are concerned they will get in trouble. Trina brought up the jail as a potential training opportunity for the inmates-looking into this with John K. Also, the library is a potential place with it getting colder, more people that are struggling with stable housing will likely be there in the coming weeks.
 - d. Christmas Care Packages- We are set to do the Christmas Care Package program for the inmates at Massac County Jail for the third year. We have flyers with the information about what items we are collecting and the deadline to have them turned in. We are looking to make about 30 bags this year that will again contain resource information, recovery positive information, snacks, and Christmas cards.
 - e. Laundry Event-Next one will be held November 27 from 10am-2pm. These continue to be a great outreach opportunity and are always accepting donations of necessary items such as detergent, pods, dryer sheets etc. as well as monetary donations to cover machine cost.
 - f. Bowling Event - We are looking to host another sober bowling event open community wide in the new year. Will likely be held around mid-later Feb. Will post more specific information as we have it.
7. Resource Center Update - Lasha - A participant recently graduated from a long-term program and is experiencing reunification with her child along with another engaged participant. We have seen more interaction from individuals in the last few weeks. Donations of casual clothes for men and women would be beneficial to the Resource Center to make available to individuals in need.
8. Other/Public Comment
- a. Metropolis Police Department is doing Shop with the Cop on December 14th. If anyone knows of anyone let them know.
 - b. Massac County Mental Health is taking donations for gifts for the children living in Haven House.

- c. There are many Free Thanksgiving meals throughout the county. We will be working on collecting flyers and posting them on facebook.
- 9. Meeting was Adjourned at 9:02 am with a motion from Harry Masse and Seconded by Jordan Strong. All in Favor, None Opposed, meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m., Metropolis City Hall