

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2020, 8:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Present: Holly Windhorst, Stacie Aycock, Randy Rushing, Harry Masse (Law Enforcement sector Rep), Jackie Doublin (Massac County Mental Health), Mayor Billy McDaniel, Amber Anderson (Prevent Child Abuse), Chris Wiedeman (Kiwanis), Mike Moorman (Kiwanis), Gary Jennings (Kiwanis), Josh Stratemeyer (Govt. Sector Rep), Robbin McDaniel (Massac Memorial Hospital), Thelma Hunter (Substance Abuse Agency Sector Rep), Toni Miller, Steve Miller (Civic Sector Rep), Miranda Sullivan (Arrowleaf)

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approve old Minutes - Amber made a motion to approve the old minutes and Harry seconded.
2. Executive Committee Meeting - The Committee met last week with most things being covered in the agenda. On October 1, our grant transfers management from SAMHSA to CDC. It shouldn't affect much but staff will have to learn a new computer system. Holly also noted that she and Stacie collaborated with the Love Thy Neighbor ministry for an event in Joppa where we provided drug awareness information and buttons with the button-maker.
3. Treasurer's Report - Holly reported the balance on August 31, 2020, as being \$23,965.76. There was no income in August but expenditures were rent, Zoom, office supplies, payroll, liability insurance, copier costs and event supplies. Holly noted that Metro Financial Group had donated a copier to the coalition.
4. Fundraising
 - a. Golf Tournament - October 9 - Volunteers are needed to help get teams and hole sponsors.
 - b. Trivia - November 14 - We plan to hold a Trivia fundraiser on November 14 but it is unsure at this time whether it will be allowed. Amber mentioned that she knows a company that will help hold a virtual trivia. She will send Holly the information.
 - c. Website - Donations can be given at our website massacdrugawareness.com
 - d. Amazon Smile - Add Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition as your Charity at smile.amazon.com and a portion of your purchases will go to MCDAC.

5. Red Ribbon Week - We may not be able to do Red Ribbon Week the traditional way this year due to the pandemic. Thelma said at McCracken County High School, Centerpoint is doing videos and she would be happy to submit those to Massac as well. We could also share them on our social media. Amber mentioned that we could do "Wear Red Day" on a weekend and have families send in their pictures of kids wearing red for social media. Holly said she hoped it would be possible to provide the Red Ribbon workbooks again if nothing else, and that may be easier for the teachers. Toni said we could also still do the essay contest. It was agreed that we could decide that closer to time as it takes very little planning. We don't know what the schools will look like at the end of October. Amber and Toni both volunteered to read essays if we do have the contest.
6. Trainings - There is a Marijuana in the Workplace: Impact of Legalization webinar today that MCDAC will pay for if any businesses are interested.
7. Recovery Month - We were scheduled to have a Recovery story but our volunteer had a family emergency. Thelma was at work and offered to provide a recovery story from one of her employees, Sam. Thank you Sam, for your inspiring story. Stacie explained that she is gathering recovery stories for our Facebook page and that so far it has been very successful. Holly noted that one post had almost 5,000 hits. It was agreed that we should continue to report recovery stories beyond September.
8. Public Comment/Other - Amber's agency is promoting purple pumpkins for Domestic Violence month in October. They are asking businesses and law enforcement to post purple pumpkins in honor of beginning awareness to domestic battery. Chief Masse advised some of his officers may be interested and that they could post something on their sign as well. He said their domestic violence/disturbance calls are increasing greatly due to the pandemic and more people being at home. SA Josh Stratemeyer advised that there has been an increase in domestic violence cases as well as children taken into protective custody. He also stated that drug cases went down at the beginning of the pandemic but are now back to the normal volume. Toni also noted that James 1:27 is a ministry for parents who have foster kids and need supplies/support. Jackie advised that Massac County Mental Health is getting back on track with seeing patients more often and also getting the SAGE program for adolescents going again.

Holly advised that there are some questions regarding the Rides to Recovery program during the pandemic. She spoke with Patrick Windhorst for legal advice and he advised that we should see what Southern Seven would suggest and go with their recommendations. Holly advised she had spoken with Clarissa Shepherd from Southern Seven and she advised that the rider should wear a mask since they are at the mercy of the driver, but it was optional for the driver to wear a mask. Holly told everyone that they may revisit the policy if they start getting a lot of requests but right now we have only had 1 ride during the pandemic. Further, do not volunteer for Rides to Recovery if you are uncomfortable with it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m. Next meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 8:00 a.m.