

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 8:00 a.m.
Metropolis City Hall & Zoom

Present In-Person: Holly Windhorst (Program Director), Stacie Aycock (Project Coordinator), Josh Stratemeyer (Gov. Sector Rep), JR Conkle (School Sector Rep), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep)

Present On Zoom: Toni Miller (Volunteer), Clarissa Shepherd (Health Sector Rep), Maribeth Etheridge-Hicks (Massac Co. Mental Health), Morgan Holt (Exec Comm), Johnathan Oberholz (Counterdrug), Jim Corry (Exec Comm), Amber Anderson (Prevent Child Abuse), Kristy Stephenson (Representing Senator Dale Fowler), Robbin McDaniel (Massac Memorial), Carlos Weimer (AK DFC Coalition guest)

1. Approve Old Minutes - Amber made a motion to accept the old minutes and it was seconded by Harry.
2. Executive Committee - Due to a few unexpected events, there was not a quorum at the meeting last week so the treasurer's report could not be approved. The EC approved a \$900 golf budget by email. The EC also approved to provide \$1000 in prizes to the MCHS Project Graduation.
3. Treasurer's Report - Due to no EC quorum last week, the Treasurer's Report is unapproved. The balance as of April 30 was \$21,399.78. Income was the grant and some golf donations. The expenditures were the normal monthly costs. Additionally, we purchased some youth prevention Public Service Announcement videos for the Shawnee Community College Trio program. These videos are on a special place on our website reserved for the Trio program students.
4. Youth Advisory Council - The YAC met last month and decided on a billboard design, which Holly shared with everyone at the meeting. The kids' pictures will be featured on the billboard and it will focus on marijuana prevention/social norms. The new billboard should be up by August. We have 5 seniors that are graduating and we thank them for their service to MCDAC. The leadership camp, CGTI, is back on in-person for July 20-22. JR advised that is the same time as FCA camp so that may affect who can attend from the YAC.
5. Fundraising/Sustainability-
 - a. Golf Tournament - Scheduled for May 28. Morgan reported that we have several teams and hole sponsors and everything is moving along well.

Volunteers for the day-of include: Steve Johnson, JR Conkle, Stacie Aycock, and Morgan Holt.

- b. Committee - We will be submitting a Sustainability Plan for the DFC grant next year, so Holly would like to start a committee for this now to start looking at different funding possibilities. Please let Holly know if you are interested in serving on this committee.
6. Social Media/Advertising -
 - a. Billboard - As previously stated, will be changed in August.
 - b. Snapchat Ads - Holly will be working with the YAC on these once we receive some examples from another coalition.
7. Trainings
 - a. Various Youth Mental Health First Aid trainings are available. They require 2 hours of pre-work on your own followed by a 5 hour course on Zoom. Holly took the course last week and thought it was good. Stacie will take her's in June. If you are interested, let Holly know and she can give you the dates of upcoming opportunities.
 - b. IL Cannabis Symposium - June 22-24 9:00-11:30 each day. Please let Holly know by June 8 if you want to attend.
8. National Prevention Week Recap - We thank all of the community partners who participated in the social media campaign last week. It brought a lot of traffic to our Facebook page.
9. Other Program Updates
 - a. Drug Disposal Bags - Holly spoke with the pharmacies and they will continue pushing the bags. We also may try to plan a day to give the bags out, maybe at Big John's.
 - b. COPE - Toni said the bags and flyers are continuing to be distributed.
 - c. Weekend Blessings - On pause for the summer
10. Brochure - Holly and Stacie presented a brochure design as MCDAC needs a new brochure. Suggestions were to add ways to donate to MCDAC and that we are a 501(c)3. It was also suggested to put the 5 Conversation Goals from Talk. They Hear You. along with a chart showing substance abuse in Massac County. Stacie will work further on the brochure to finish it up.
11. Other - To help with the P2D2 drop box issues at the Sheriff's Department, Stacie contacted Carlisle County, KY, as they have an incinerator. They will allow the

Sheriff's Dept to bring our drugs down there to dispose of. Hopefully this will help with the issues of the P2D2 box being full.

Holly brought up that we have our Continuation Application due in August and she would like as much input as possible from other coalition members on the Action Plan.

Holly also noted that she had been communicating with another coalition in the Metro East regarding meth prevention and there were some materials out there but they may not be useful for the general youth population locally. Chief Masse pointed out that youth using meth really isn't a problem. However, the effects of adults in their lives using meth is a huge problem. Holly showed the meth cases filed for the past 4 years. Josh noted that last year's numbers are going to be skewed due to the pandemic.

Maribeth advised that she knows of 6th graders using marijuana-infused gummies and is concerned about consequences of the dispensary opening. Holly advised we were supposed to be collaborating with other IL coalitions to start a marijuana prevention website but we also need to do other marijuana prevention as well. JR said the schools are worried about marijuana both as a gateway drug and that it may lower the ambition of students who use. He said he also feels that vaping is a huge problem.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. Next meeting will be June 16 at 8:00 a.m. at Metropolis City Hall.