

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m.
Metropolis City Hall

MINUTES

1. Welcome - Jasmine
 - a. In-person- Robbin McDaniel (Exec. Committee), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep), Rick Neighbors (Community Member), Toni Miller (Exec Committee), Beverly Holland (Statewide ROSC), Charles Tate (Brookport Church of God Pastor), Don Canada (Mayor), Jasmine Robinson (MCDAC Prevention Coordinator), Jordan Strong (MCDAC Recovery Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (RecoveryCorps Recovery Navigator), Amanda Davis (RecoveryCorps Recovery Navigator), Evon Croft (RecoveryCorps Project Coordinator)
 - b. Zoom- Dave Park (Kiwanis), JR Conkle (Schools Sector Rep), Aaron Seibert (Centerstone), Katie Unthank (Statewide ROSC), Steve Miller (Civic Sector Rep), Stacy Kirkham (Massac Mental Health), Zebuun New (Massac Mental Health)
2. Old Minutes - No changes were noted for the minutes. Robbin made a motion to approve old minutes, and Toni Miller seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
3. Executive Committee Report - All will be covered throughout the meeting.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability
 - a. Golf Tournament - May 31- We have scheduled the Golf Tournament for May 31 at the Metropolis Country Club. We will have flyers and hole sponsor information coming soon.
 - b. 5K - TBD- We are working on scheduling a 5K near the 4th of July Weekend. The Massac Youth Advisory Council is excited to help plan and start the 5k!
 - c. Trivia- We have been approached by the Fraternal Order of Police to partner on a Trivia Night with them. They are looking around the month of April.
 - d. Grants- The DFC Grant Nofo has been released, and we have begun working on it as it is due April 17th. The ROSC Grant Nofo has not been

released yet but we will share more information as we hear more information.

5. Prevention - Jasmine

a. Youth Advisory Council-

Joppa- Joppa's Youth Advisory had its first meeting on February 12th. They want to attend the Joppa Family Fun Night on March 12th to give information. The next Joppa meeting is on February 27th.

Massac- Massac's Youth Advisory Council did a Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month sticker campaign in February with the hotline number. They are planning campaigns for the National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week on March 18-22.

b. Prevention Advocacy Day - March 5 & 6- MCDAC will be taking seven youth from the Massac Youth Advisory Council to speak to state representatives about primary prevention funding, cannabis derivatives ban and regulation, Kratom ban or regulation, and banning flavors of vapes to deter youth use. This is with the Illinois Prevention Network, which is a group of Illinois prevention coalitions.

c. Drug Endangered Children Lunch N Learn- We want to thank everyone who came to the DEC Lunch and Learn on February 7th. Liesl Wingert spoke on the experiences of DEC and how important it is to ensure they have the necessary resources. Thank you to Legence Bank for sponsoring the meals of Bills BBQ and for sharing the financial program they hold for children. Be on the lookout for the second meeting that will be working on creating a DEC alliance in Massac County.

d. Child Abuse Prevention Event - April 18- 3:30-5:30 pm- We will be holding the Prevent Child Abuse Event on Market St on April 18th. If you have a group or resource that will bring a game or know of someone who would be good at this event, please let us know. Last year we had around 150 attendees last year, and we hope for even more this year!

e. CADCA Leadership Forum- MCDAC Staff went to CADCA's National Leadership Forum in National Harbor, Maryland, and Washington, DC. We were able to attend sessions to learn about prevention and recovery campaigns and information. We were also able to talk to both Illinois Senators Tammy Duckworth and Dick Durbin's staff members and our Representative, Mike Bost's staff member, on primary prevention funding, regulating cannabis derivatives, banning kratom, and banning flavors on vaping. Jordan- takeaway was the focus on the importance of collaboration between recovery and prevention after attending sessions on this topic was able to see how well MCDAC is able to do this and be

making progress in both areas of prevention and recovery. Lasha- the view we have on people struggling with substances should be more looking at the trauma that they have experienced that led to the use in the first place, seeking to help them identify and heal from these trauma is essential. Evon- the vaping initiatives across the US spreading awareness concerning the companies that have sought after young customers by putting flavored nicotine.

6. Recovery/ROSC - Jordan

- a. Outreach Efforts-**DEC event** where DCFS investigator was in attendance asked for someone from MCDAC to come to their next meeting to share about what all we do-was a great opportunity to connect with them directly got a lot of great feedback and are working on ways to implement referrals for parents involved with them. **Laundry Events** have continued to be successful. We have had the ministerial alliance sponsor an event and are looking for sponsors either monetary to fund the cost for the machines or donations of laundry detergent and dryer sheets etc.**Trinity Food Pantry** has been another great outreach opportunity they are open on Wednesdays but have sometimes not been able to open because it's just a couple of people that run it. If they are open we are there. **Salt and Light Clothing Pantry** ran by New Beginnings Church open every 2nd and 4th Saturday-just started our first outreach there went great- able to connect with the people/organizations that are doing these types of things in our community as well as the people utilizing them to share about ROSC and recovery. Encouraging people with any thoughts or ideas of things we can be a part of or attach to for this purpose. **Possibility of homeless outreach**- has been brought up about gathering some Recovery Council volunteers to go out to potential encampments where people are known to be camped out. Chief Masse said they get a chance to interact with them when there is a call made and then they generally will call TASC to connect with them, and they have to be willing. Also brought up the abandoned houses as a potential place people in this situation can be found, does not recommend going in these houses because they can be dangerous due to structure deterioration. Discussed the idea in relation to not trying to immediately get them to go to treatment but more of a trust/relationship building initiative that could possibly help to meet some immediate needs and work towards them eventually reaching out for assistance or support to a permanent solution. Chief Masse said if we work out a plan and let them know what we're thinking they will support it anyway they can. He mentioned that they may not be able to make much

progress with these individuals sometimes just due to being the police. He discussed the way our area experiences homelessness and how a lot of the individuals they see often and have been able to get to know them. Stacy (MCMH) stated she is involved in an outreach program for homeless individuals that goes across the country to take supplies to different types of encampments usually right before summer/winter starts. We will plan to meet with her 1-on-1 to get details on what this looks like and any pointers.

- b. Recovery Out Loud Campaign-Kicked off with the billboard we had placed by Big Johns with a group of people from the Recovery Council with the message of “sharing your journey may help someone start their own”. We have started the personal stories “Recover Out Loud” in the Metropolis Planet. Terra worked out a sponsorship that will cost \$100 per ad and we plan on doing 1/month. This will increase support for the recovery community from local businesses and also share the multiple pathways available to find recovery. Looking for both sponsors and stories.
- c. Recovery Resource Center - Lasha- Great opportunities to connect with individuals to support them in their recovery. We have recently been able to have 2 success stories of completing treatment. One person is going on to long-term and is excited for the future. The other has completed treatment and returned home.
- d. Jail Exit Bags - Evon- Continuing to accept donations for individuals leaving jail: hygiene items(mens & womens), socks, and we place information on resources in the bags.

7. Public Comment/Other

- a. Social Media- Please Like, Comment, and Share posts. The more interaction we have, the more people our posts will show up on.
- b. Membership Form- You will start to see posts and forms on the newsletter about a membership form. This is to help us send you emails you want and care about, not pepper you with everything we are doing or need volunteers for.
- c. Southern Illinois Drug Awareness Conference - March 13-14 at SIU
- d. Prevention Summit - March 26 at John A. Logan College

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 a.m. on February 21, 2024

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