



LCC Meeting Minutes

Coalition Name and County	Partners for a Drug Free Cass County
Meeting Date and Time	11-14-2022 and 12-1
Meeting Location	Revolution and Zoom
Minutes Drafted Date	12/1/2022

Attendees
Rick Hollering, Nikki Malott, Ed Schroder, Will Scott, Dave Wegner, Steven Snyder, Chuck Newton (z), Thomas Keller, Jennifer Lombard (z), Veronica Osborn (z), Jean Wendrei, Amy Lewis (z), Missy A’Hearn, Mike Osborn (z)

Meeting Notes (Old/New Business, Decisions, Agendas)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions – new to group- Amy Lewis from Turning Point, and Missy A’Hearn from DMHA. • October mins Ed motioned to approve, Steve seconded • Treasurer report was passed around for review. Red Ribbon reimbursement will be paid out on Monday. • Where are we at spending? Majority feels we are about where we are every year at this time considering we still have December-March remaining. • Red Ribbon report out, Dave felt it went well, over 50 winners, about 30 showed up which is up from years past. A couple of schools did not participate this year, but most did participate. LJHS, Caston, and Fairview did not participate. • Lewis Cass Elementary entered the national RR Photo contest again this year so please share that and go vote for them. • The kids seemed to enjoy the morning, lots of families attended. Ed read the names for us. • Something we may want to consider is the Recovery Advocate of the year, we can discuss options for this award next year, the past few years it had been overlooked. We will want to discuss this. • Billboard will cost \$2,785 that is for vinyl and 6 months of billboard. Ed suggested asking other places on pricing, like Burkhart to see if this is our best option. Nikki will email for a quote and let group know. • Other options for billboard could be Prevention funds from what Rick (YSA) won’t use and possibly extra Treatment funds. • Dave suggested putting it in admin. There is no extra in admin at this point. Or it was suggested to put it in prevention going forward, maybe include it in Red Ribbon amount. • Chuck suggested Kiwanis as a potential funder/sponsor. He will send application to Nikki. • Group would like Nikki to seek ICJI guidance on how to move money out of one category to another to use for billboard. • Dave suggested moving money from treatment into prevention to cover it. He feels it should be in prevention.

- Opioid Settlement discussion. Dave says Indiana just announced that Cass County and the city of Logansport will be receiving funds, it is thought to be around 100k the first year and goes down to 20k after. JRAC (Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council) was appointed by the commissioners to figure out where to use the funds. Every county has a JRAC now. Some suggestions were programming in the jails and in the schools. Everyone will be given notice when funds are received. Discussing among that group who has ideas, if you have ideas you can share them if you'd like. Other topics of discussion involved treatment programming, resource officers in schools, etc. City may use their money other ways.
- Dave reports they don't think the money will be distributed until next year. The county is trying to come up with sustainable ideas, some ideas discussed already could not be sustained after the time. To find out more about where city funds are you may have to contact city council.
- Opioid funds will be disbursed over 15 years. No funding after that.
- Steve stated not knowing he was part of the council. He is listed as a member of this council.
- If any agency has ideas they can be shared. There should be something up on the county website seeking ideas if you want to share. Or contact Dave.
- Had a great discussion at the panel with those who attended. Had great feedback.
- Nikki stated it could have been better attended, but there was a good group of people. If we host these types of trainings/events please share with others, encourage people to attend, and please attend if you are able to. We take time planning and implementing and we would love for everyone to take advantage of the opportunities.
- Tom stated overdose deaths were at 18 so far, 15 in County deaths, 3 that went to another hospital in another county and passed. Overdose deaths is growing.
- There have been 39 overdoses reported by EMS this year. This could be any age overdose, even an elderly person who may double dose.
- Tom also visited Tippecanoe County's Overdose Fatality Review team and asked questions. Hopes are to get one started in Cass County next year.
- Chuck- stated frustration about federal and state funds not being integrated very much, and does not have enough flexibility. He asked that JRAC please keep LCC posted on what is going on with the funds so that we can have a voice.
- Rick motioned to adjourn. Steve seconded.