



LCC Meeting Minutes

Coalition Name and County	Partners for a Drug Free Cass County
Meeting Date and Time	10/10/2022
Meeting Location	Revolution and Zoom
Minutes Drafted Date	10/13

Attendees
Rick Hollering, Nikki Malott, John Rogers, Ed Schroder, Steve Snyder, Dave Wegner, Chuck Newton (z), Tom Keller, Jennifer Lombard, Veronica Osborn (z), Bev Maloy, Missy Ahearn (z), Margaret Land (z)

Meeting Notes (Old/New Business, Decisions, Agendas)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intros • Approval of September mins. Steve motioned, John seconded. • Treasurer report. Spreadsheet is being passed around. Only a couple new things. Nikki will update on website as well. • Bylaws are uploaded to website as well. Approval of proposed edits passed last meeting. • Red Ribbon discussion. Dave volunteered to pick everything up. Nikki already received 6th grade from Lewis Cass and Ed brought the Pioneer Elementary posters. Nikki is waiting on responses from the other schools on when a good pick up time is for Weds and if they have entries, will follow up with Dave as she hears back. • Breakfast we need volunteers. Sign up sheet coming around please sign up if you can attend/help. Nikki and Dave will coordinate who will do donuts and drinks. Dave will get gift cards and prizes. It was asked if we could get some giveaways for the schools for that week. It is a possibility, but would have to be figured out soon so we could receive before Red Ribbon Week. • Billboard, how will we fund this? Should we look for “sponsors” to help pay so we don’t have to pay the whole balance? Chuck says Kiwanis may have interest in donating towards it. Or we can divide cost amongst the different categories like last year. The group thought this would be the best option. • Red Ribbon Breakfast will be Saturday October 29th, it will be from 9am-11am, but we will start setting up around 830am. Nikki reached out to mayor about being there again, waiting to hear back. We will do donuts and then awards, it would be great to have some volunteers come that day and help. • On Thursday October 27th we will have the Panel discussion in coordination with Red Ribbon Week for the community. It will be from 530-7pm. IYI is sponsoring with Area 5, the coalition, and YSA. There will be a free dinner so please RSVP. There will be someone from business, recovery, SRO, sheriff, etc. Please share the information. It will be on website this week. Flyers will be sent out and it will be on social media as well. Please come and invite others.

- Vernocia says she will be sharing Talk They Hear You information about how to communicate with your kids, please share the information and promote it.
- We always try to encourage other organizations and businesses and the community to stand behind Red Ribbon Week and promote it and share information. Please help with this. Nikki has reached out the newspaper to see if they can do some sort of coverage. Ask others to do this as well.
- Cathy Collins normally speaks at the event about what Red Ribbon is and why it was established., Dave will find out if she plans to speak again.
- Someone suggested maybe Culvers or other businesses would donate some giveaways for awards. Could be a good idea to ask?
- Chuck will follow up with Charles Short on Red Ribbon items. Wont' be as many as what we were discussing, but would be something to give out.
- We will have resource tables on Thurs and Saturday events, if anyone is interested in setting up, we could have some available space. We will have access to community at the Thursday event and parents and youth at the Saturday event.
- Nikki is submitting Quarterly report by Weds if you have anything to add get with her.
- DFC updated planning next coalition meeting during the day, luncheon, possible at the school so that youth can attend. Still trying to figure out if this is able to happen will send out information as soon as it is finalized.
- Please help recruit youth for the coalition as well as the youth empowerment initiative that YSA has a grant for through the LCC> If you have any suggestions please send them to Nikki or Rick. It has been hard to get kids together, they get excited, but getting them together outside school is challenge.
- Jennifer asked about club times. It is only 20 mins in the morning from 8-820 at Logansport High which doesn't give us long to talk about ideas.
- Chuck suggested getting ahold of Julie Gaumer with Key Club. Key Club is always looking for volunteer opportunities or ways to get involved. Julie is determined and if it is something that the club is interested in she will help them make it happen.
- Chuck asked the group what the downside of using fentanyl test strips would be. He wanted to know if a decision could be made on whether or not Cass County wanted to utilize these. If the person addicted is already using the substance what would the added danger be if they were able to use the test strips to test the substances? Suggested maybe he would get more education on the issue and get a better understanding of it all.
- Dave stated that ideally, we want to prevent them from using in the first place, not provide them with a tool to test their drugs.
- Someone pointed out that the person who presented last month said that no one was turning in their drugs when they were testing positive so people had the question "what do they do with the drugs that test positive then?"
- Carol had been to a training and there was a county using the strips and they said that only about 2% of those people testing were not turning in their substances. It was MORE likely they WOULD turn in the substances then not turn them in.
- Ed can see the benefit in having them, just like Narcan. But it would depend on how they were being used and by whom. He stated they were not against using them, but would need to find a safe/reasonable way to implement its use.
- If there was a process for using the strips, the group may decide if it were something they would want to implement.
- Strips could be being used by a family member who is trying to keep their loved ones safe. Maybe even be used to test marijuana that is sometimes laced with fentanyl.

- Veronica stated that Celebrate Recovery would not use needle exchanges or test strips because of safety reasons.
- Chuck wanted the contact information for the people who put on the training that Carol saw. He'd like to reach out to them. Nikki will connect Chuck and Carol.
- You may be able to reach out to Overdose Lifeline for more information on this issue as well. They may have fentanyl test strips.
- Steve motioned to adjourn and Ed seconded.