



LCC Meeting Minutes

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| Coalition Name and County | Partners for a Drug Free Cass County |
| Meeting Date and Time | 9-12-22 12pm-1pm |
| Meeting Location | Revolution and Zoom |
| Minutes Drafted Date | 10-1-22 |

| Attendees |
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| Rick Hollering, Nikki Malott, John Rogers, Ed Schroder, Will Scott, Chuck Newton (z), Karli Armstrong (z), Thomas Keller, Veronica Osborn, Jennifer Lombard, Beverly Maloy, Carol Smithley, Keri Powers (z), and Paul Novak (z) |

| Meeting Notes (Old/New Business, Decisions, Agendas) |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes • Treasurer report passed around for everyone to check. • No new members • Bylaws discussion, changed some wording in it, presented changes at last meeting, just need to approve at this meeting. Rick motioned, John seconded. • Nikki will post updated Bylaws on website. • Red Ribbon Plan discussed. Ed volunteered to help with pick up if needed. • Chuck says Charles Short may have Red Ribbon Supplies. • Tobacco training is next Monday Sept 19th at McHale Auditorium • DFC update- we will have a resource table at the tobacco training. We successfully completed every training we had to have per action plan. We could not record some, but did record the ones we were allowed. We had the Not in My Room trailer at Healthy Kids Day and we could not record that and we could not record the ACEs training in June, but we have 3 trainings posted on website so far and 3 more mental health trainings we need help editing. If you or someone you know is interested in helping edit videos please send them to YSA. Was also able to continue recruiting for the youth coalition, if you know anyone who wants to join. • Rick will be recruiting for his Youth Empowerment Initiative. • Jonathon Jones was invited to speak by Chuck to discuss fentanyl test strips. He works for Mental Health America. He works with harm reduction techniques and fentanyl test strips. He is in long term recovery. Group had discussion on different medication assisted treatments available. There is a stigma against MAT. He has the ability to use test strips to test drugs. You can test meth, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, etc. You put the drugs in a small glass of water and dip the test strip in to test for traces of fentanyl. MHA also gives community access to the naloxboxes. • A question was asked about fentanyl test strips safety. Jonathon says you have to put on necessary equipment. You must use mask and gloves when handling the drugs. You only need |

a very small amount of the drug to test in a small amount of water. If the drugs have fentanyl in them it can be disposed of by the Health Department in his county.

- 75% of their clients will utilize the test strips.
- A lot of the time when someone figures out that there is fentanyl in their drugs it can be the shock they needed to go to detox or rehab. Fear will cause them to want to go to treatment. MHA can help advocate for them to go get the help.
- Jonathon did say he has never had anyone bring their drugs into him after testing positive for fentanyl. And the question was asked if the people will do the drugs even after identifying there is fentanyl in them. He says it depends on where the person is at in recovery. If he tests them there he can dispose of them.
- Chuck and Jonathon have stated that fentanyl test strips can save lives. It can put them in the pre-contemplation stage of recovery. Chuck wanted to put MHA on the agenda to speak at the DFC meeting as well. He wants people to at least consider having them in Cass County.
- Cass County has lockboxes provided by Overdose Lifeline at our Emmaus Mission Center and our Emmaus food pantry.
- If anyone has anything they'd like to add to the Qtr 2 report for ICJI please get with Nikki to report. Needs to be in by October 1 so that she can get report completed and submitted.
- Chuck says that Kiwanis Golf Outing is in October. That is the fundraiser they make the most for their prevention dollars.
- Ed brought in coloring books, was able to put 2 logos on them and that is it. But the sheriff's office has paid for them and they have been brought to the meeting.
- Jennifer announced that Area 5, YSA, and the prevention coalition is finally able to bring in the substance abuse impact panel. There will be food, it will be open to the community. The date being looked at is October 27th from 530-7 and plan is to do it at Revolution. We need to identify those that should be on panel so that advertising can begin. Ideas: superintendent of Logansport Schools, Steph Helton from Tyson (business sector), Nurse or health expert, any other ideas for business representative? Be thinking Panel will take place during Red Ribbon Week. We will be recording it and will hopefully live stream.
- October 29th is the Red Ribbon Breakfast. We are open to other locations, but Rick can likely secure the church again. Everyone agreed the church would be the best place.
- Ed motioned to adjourn and Will seconded.