



LCC Meeting Minutes

Coalition Name and County	Partners for a Drug Free Cass County
Meeting Date and Time	11/12 1230pm-1pm
Meeting Location	Chamber of Commerce Community Room
Minutes Drafted Date	12/1

Attendees

Nikki Malott, John Rogers, Ed Schroder (zoom), Dave Wegner (partial), Thomas Keller, Jennifer Lombard, Veronica Osborn, Carol Smithley, Beverly Maloy (z), Carol Smithley (z), Debbie Grimes, Chris Hess, Susan Grasham (z), Sydney Garcia (z)

Meeting Notes (Old/New Business, Decisions, Agendas)

- No quorum. Table minutes until next meeting.
- Passed around the Spreadsheet, everything has been turned in.
- Not enough people to go over spreadsheet for report outs. Celebrate Recovery may not be using funds and may switch to Women at the Well. We will need to discuss this at the next meeting. Grant was written to Celebrate Recovery/Youth Services Alliance.
- Please see attached minutes/notes from the first meeting, DFC for further notes.

DFC Notes:

Introductions

The meeting began with introductions there were two new attendees:

Christie McGregor from ASPIN: She shared flyers for upcoming events, which are now available in the drive. ASPIN will be in Howard County on November 19 and 20 to assist with enrollment in services like Medicaid. Additionally, they will be in Tipton on November 26.

Jonas Bonneval from the Adult Learning Center: Jonas runs a Haitian Assimilation Program in Cass County. He announced the return of their 2-hour Parent Program, which will incorporate Botvin Life Skills and English learning. Occasionally, guest speakers will participate. Last year, 40-50 parents attended with positive outcomes, as reported by Veronica from last year's surveys. Meetings are held at Crosswinds.

Red Ribbon Activities

The Red Ribbon mural contest has concluded, and the Youth Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention Workgroup is finalizing the details. Options for displaying the mural include a banner with a frame or a more permanent metal wrap. There was a suggestion to involve the Career Center's shop class for frame construction.

Debbie and her grandchildren contributed by decorating downtown with Red Ribbons for Red Ribbon Week.

Community schools participated with dress-up days and hallway/classroom decorations, and activities throughout the week/month. Notably, Lewis Cass Elementary engaged in fundraising and donated to the Youth Services Alliance (YSA), raising \$717. This donation qualifies as a "match" for grant purposes. Rick and Nikki were present to receive the check.

DORA Update

Howard County recently implemented a DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area).

When talking about Cass County's DORA, Andie noted that while it was used during a downtown Block Party in Logansport, it generally has minimal impact on the area.

The Youth Alcohol and Tobacco Workgroup (YATW) has been invited to draft a Safety Plan, which will be reviewed by the Planning Department and LPD before a collaborative discussion.

General Updates

There was a discussion about translating window clings into Spanish and Creole to better serve public locations. Currently, there are 100 clings for outside doors and 50 for inside windows, each with different messages. More can be produced if needed, and translations are being considered.

The Health Department discussed their new DAPT trailer, designed similarly to Clinton County's "Hidden in Plain Sight" trailer. It's set up like a child's bedroom to educate adults on spotting substance use indicators and is available for events throughout Cass County.

Handle with Care Initiative

Chris informed that Logansport Schools, LPD, Sheriff's Department, and nurses will implement the "Handle with Care" program in LCSC. This initiative allows law enforcement to notify schools to handle certain students with care following potentially traumatic events, without disclosing specific details.

- John motioned to adjourn. Dave 2nd.