



**LCC Meeting Minutes**

<b>Coalition Name and County</b>	Partners for a Drug Free Cass County
<b>Meeting Date and Time</b>	11-8-21 and 12-1pm
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Revolution
<b>Minutes Drafted Date</b>	12/5

Attendees
Kyle Nelson (z), Tamika Saunders (z), John Rogers (z), Brittany Sarll (z), Karli Armstrong, Jean Wendrei, Veronica Osborn, Chuck Newton, Dave Wegner, Rick Hollering, Nikki Malott

Meeting Notes (Old/New Business, Decisions, Agendas)
<p>New members introductions- Kyle Nelson</p> <p>Approval of October Minutes. Dave motioned, Rick seconded.</p> <p>Treasurer report- updated and passed around spreadsheet.</p> <p>Chuck- don't forget you have to attend 6 meetings and have 2 hours of event time "worked" to be able to apply for funds. We are on a 15 month calendar this year.</p> <p>Red Ribbon went great! Only school that didn't participate was Pioneer. Fairview and Caston had the most entries and did a mixture of posters and essays. It went really well, great set up, plenty of space. Had tables set up for families to sit and enjoy breakfast out in the open area out front and then went to the auditorium for awards. Had 55 winners, 38 of those winners showed up with families. Had close to 180 people come and celebrate. There were 10 grand prize winners and 45 other winners. Two gift cards from Walmart was purchased, and they were given to the Diversity Club for helping with the event. There were a number of Diversity Club members there that day to help. Also had the billboard contest were 23 entries were received (only from Logansport) and the winner of the design was Abraham Velasquez. Design was given to Dave Price to get scanned in and ready to put up, he is currently working to get something put together. Dave reports that Community Corrections posted update on website and social media. It was great that we were able to engage the youth and get the high school students.</p> <p>Discussion about financing the billboard, options are LCC funds it, DFC could pitch in money for it, we could get "sponsors" to pay. Ed says if we have the funding we should use it. Maybe we should not get money from sponsors for this and use some of those leftover funds. Sheriff willing to use some of their un-used funds to help. Dave motioned to pay for it out of the funds that were leftover to purchase the billboard, Chuck seconded.</p>

Dave reported the overdose event went well at Revolution. Good turnout, Narcan training, and Cathi Collins spoke on addiction issues. A lot of family members spoke on how addiction has affected them. Maybe next year they can do a fundraiser to bring in a speaker to the event.

Chuck has videos of people who gave their testimonies and Kiwanis was trying to get the videos ready to share, but hasn't been able to, may be able to get them and share with YSA to use. Wants the videos to be used, will ask for permission to share.

Naloxboxes are mounted and stocked, one at Emmaus Mission and the other at the food pantry. Overdose Lifeline will send supplies to stock as needed. There was an article in the paper about it, Nikki sent information to the paper and it was copied and put into an article. The paper is down to one reporter and they said if there are things that we want to share to write it up and they will share it. Chuck mentioned Kiwanis may want to fund another box, maybe we can do Salvation Army?

SOC update? No one is present from SOC to give report. However, they were in a re-building situation. Four County is trying to secure members and build it back up. Haven't had an update to share recently.

So many collaborations and partnerships are happening through the DFC coalition.

Upcoming trainings, have questions or need information contact Nikki. Jennifer says the IYI café is someone from Indiana State Police and they provide up to date information. It is virtual and a great presentation to attend.

Vaping is becoming a huge issue in the schools. Schools are needing help dealing with this. Hopefully we can partner and help them. It's becoming an issue in hallways, school buses, and even in classrooms. Chuck would like to partner with schools and YSA to come up with a solution. Age of onset is earlier and earlier. There is conflicting information being reported. Vaping is a gateway drug. Kids are also putting THC in the vapes they are using. 1 vape=5 packs of cigarettes. They think it is a "safer" alternative to smoking.

Jennifer says that the regional coordinator could provide additional support, she will connect Cass County with someone. If there is not a local coordinator that could provide help/resources, it may benefit Cass to get one.

Venetia Faulkenburg presented to Kiwanis and had praised the W.A.I.T Program at the Columbia 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Academy.

Deterra Pouches are still available, please reach out to Nikki for them. Tell your partners.