



CASS COUNTY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION

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Welcomes. Thank you for attending. Introductions, new members, Tiffany Greiner 4 County School Based, Megan Horton 4 County SOC coordinator.

DFC Grant/ Coalition is a community coalition.

Healthy Kids Day- Coalition helped co-sponsor. Derreck says feedback was good, it was outside which was new, a lot of familiar faces at the event with tables set up. Many resources were available, the kids had a great time. Kids activities at each table too. Seemed to go very well.

Match Discussion: new google form for match/in-kind, the original form was not very successful. Link has been sent, if you do did not receive it please reach out and it can be sent again. DFC is a match grant. The coalition received 125k in federal funds and we have to find 125k match, things such as the events we are doing, meetings/trainings members attended, advertisement donations, financial donations, or anything related to substance abuse prevention and the coalitions work can count. Please help the coalition by reporting this on the form. The end of the fiscal year is September 30, 2021 and we have to have match by then.

Action Teams: Please remember there are 3 action teams. There is a data collection team, a training and public engagement team, and a recruitment of youth team. If any of these interest, you please reach out to Nikki. You can meet with these teams or communicate with them via email in between coalition meetings.

Nikki attended final week of NCA (National Coalition Academy), still has homework to submit for the coalition. Community Assessment, Logic Model, Communication Evaluation Plan, Evaluation Plan, Sustainability Plan, and Strategic and Action Plan. May get an email asking questions to fill in the information needed. We are about 85% done with the homework, we are still lacking in local conditions. Local conditions are something you can take a picture of. As

Marc explained state funds we use data that focus on risk and protective factors in the community. We pull those from surveys. With DFC they want local conditions or specific things happening in the community as we are seeing it. For example, kids smoking on the tennis courts after school. This is something we can do something about now. Short term victories, changing perceptions and seeing survey data changes takes more time, these local conditions can be effected now, by us. Please help gather local conditions.

We have new banners, if your organization/business would like to use them for an event, or have a permanent retractable banner to be identified as a coalition member let us know. We can order more.

Events coming up:

September Social on Sunday September 12, 2021 from 5pm-7pm. Going to be hosted at Revolution, but it is a DFC event. Will have a band, police department is doing a dunk tank, food, games, etc. We want a presence from our coalition members/partners. Maybe we can make it an annual event. We want resources, and activities for kids. If you set up a table, please plan an activity with the kids. Maybe we can have resource tables inside and everything else outside. Please think of some ideas for this event, contact Rick or Nikki if you want a booth and let us know what activity you want to do. We want this event to be fun/family, good time, interactive.

October 26th from 5:30-7 is the IYI presentation/panel on substance abuse. This will be occurring in correspondence with Red Ribbon Week. IYI usually does IYI Cafes for lunch time professional education, we are doing something different this time. We are doing an evening/dinner panel of sector representatives addressing substance use. Inviting the community to attend, no kids at this event please. We can have resource tables at this event too. 530-6 have resources, maybe 6-7 have the panel discussion. CCRN did something similar a few years ago.

Who should be on the panel? School Corporation, law enforcement, parents, business, which sectors should be covered? Hospital or EMS? Parks Department? MCT/Treatment/4 County?

Maybe someone from Tyson, or a dean from the schools should be on the panel? Cory Cripe from schools? Jonie Colvin for a parent?

Chuck can ask Jonie Colvin. Eric can help with treatment/recovery panelist. Andie and Elisa could help with school contact. Need to secure speakers as soon as possible so that IYI can get the flyers made and start promoting.

Publicizing the Naloxboxes may be a good idea during this event.

This is a community event. Not just for the coalition, but we want to promote to everyone in the community, invite them to come out and listen and learn.

Need to be thinking what we would like to ask the speakers to discuss. It was suggested to gather opinions on questions before the event. Needs to be more than just data and statistics. What is the impact of the substance abuse in our community? Maybe not have law enforcement. Need to focus on the realism of the issues we see in the community.

Jennifer (IYI) will take care of the registration for event, QR codes, will send out promotional flyers to share.

The DFC grant can set our community up for more opportunities. DFC being a federal funding source looks good to future funders. The DFC is really about community change. We are gaining momentum with partnering and being present during so many activities such as the Bike Rodeo, Healthy Kids Day, these events coming up. Focus on building capacity and training others is key to being a Drug Free Community. There are many training opportunities through CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America). DFC can pay for its members to attend trainings or maybe even gain credentials.

We also may need to be thinking of a name for our coalition. This should be a group effort. Miami County is More for Miami. We should think of something catch that represents who we are and what we do. Right now it is Cass County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and that is a very long name. Maybe the Youth Committee could help with that too. They helped name the September Social. Be thinking of ideas for that please.

Please send any feedback on what was discussed to Nikki or Rick.