



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition
April 12, 2017**

Members/Guests Present: Michael Barber, Kris Brinkmeier, Marilyn Calfee, Cathy Day, Donna Forstrom, Nancy Fowlkes, Elizabeth Frey, Sarah Harrison, Monica Hughes, Jill Murphy, Sherry Samples, Beth Sams, and Leonora Spangler

Marilyn called the meeting to order after a brief pre-meeting discussion regarding effective “take-back” prescription drug practices and encouraged those present to be thinking about suggestions to improve awareness and facilitation. She then welcomed those attending the meeting. Introductions were made.

Marilyn made the group aware of a global organization located in Nashville named Thistle Farms; they produce handmade products by women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction. Marilyn learned that they are seeking a satellite site and thought the Coalition might invite someone from the group to be a guest speaker at a future meeting, or that we might schedule a field trip there in order to learn more about the organization. Facilitation of a site in Roane County could be beneficial for recovery programs in our community.

CADCA Academy Update: Kris shared that she has completed one out of a three-week training at the CADCA Academy (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America), which has addressed ways to build the effectiveness of your coalition, assess needs in your community, and various ins-and-outs of coalition work. Sarah and Jill have previously completed the Academy training, and Kris should finish the program on the week of June 11.

CADCA Activities: As a part of Kris’ study for the Academy, she requested that the group complete several activities to help her assess our awareness of coalition work. The first activity required each person to write the RCADC mission statement and what the role of the coalition is in the community. This was followed by a group activity using paperclips that illustrated how linking together produces more productivity. The last activity required each person to write down how he or she personally support accomplishments of coalition work. This activity led to the reminder that by simply signing up with Kroger and Amazon, each of us can access charity donations for coalition funding.

Updates/ New Business: Donna shared an article in the National Elks Magazine recognizing Roane County students who had won a regional Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest. The winner of the poster contest was from Kingston Elementary and the essay winner attends Oliver Springs Middle School.

Lenora announced that C.A.M.P. is scheduled this summer for June 12-July 21 with the week of July 4th being omitted. She was seeking volunteers since the National Guard will not be assisting as in previous years. Twelve youth have already been court-ordered to attend, and she indicated a few more are

expected. C.A.M.P. will be held at the Roane County Alternative School in Midtown, and the goal is to teach healthy decision-making, make good choices, and provide education that gives students hope.

Lenora was very complimentary of the support C.A.M.P. has received from Dr. Watkins who has arranged for students to be a part of a Tennessee College of Applied Technology grant program for computer programming, safety, and manufacturing. Dr. Watkins has also arranged for transportation to be provided one day a week allowing students to complete community service projects.

It was suggested that a job fair highlighting trade jobs might motivate students and encourage individual's future plans. Several suggestions were made for volunteer recruitment. Chamber ambassadors might be a source; Allen Lutz and Dana Peterka might be helpful as well.

Sarah closed with a reminder that the Roane Chamber Top 10 for \$20K Challenge has selected RCADC as one of the three charities chosen for this year. The goal is to form teams to compete and raise money. Things are moving slowly but there are hopes to involve local church groups to gain momentum. Sarah said individuals can go to our website to make donations.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next Coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at noon at the RCADC office (151 E. Race St, Kingston).