



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition
July 13, 2016**

Members/Guests Present: Kris Brinkmeier, Rep. Kent Calfee, Marilyn Calfee, Cathy Day, Sarah Harrison, Charlene Hipster, Sherry Samples, Beth Sams, John Shacter, Mollie Swallows, Susan Witts

Sarah called the meeting to order and welcomed members/guests.

Social Media Training: Kris reported that the Coalition was chosen as one of the five organizations, out of 60+ applications, to participate in an Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) grant. The opportunity allows Coalition staff and members to learn and train in the use of social media. On Wednesday, July 27, training will be conducted in the Coalition office from 9:30-3:30 with lunch provided. Seven of the fifteen slots had already been reserved. Kris invited members and guests to register for one of the remaining eight seats; she distributed a flyer to interested parties. Though the Coalition is effectively using Facebook to increase drug use and abuse awareness, Kris indicated an interest in adding social media formats, such as Snapchat and Instagram to our methods of information distribution.

There was a brief discussion as to “if and how” the Pokemon Go phenomena might be incorporated to effectively reach our community.

Celebration of Hope Benefit: Kris announced an upcoming event being planned by the Prescription Drug Taskforce to be held on Friday evening, September 30 from 6:30-8:30 at Grand Vista Bay. The benefit will support the purchase of Naloxone, an opioid antagonist that reverses an opioid overdose. The goal is to purchase the medication for a minimum of every First Responder in the county to have on hand if an overdose victim is encountered. Tickets supporting the benefit will be sold for \$50. Chase Drugs and Baggett Health Pharmacy have agreed to serve in providing the blanket prescription coverage.

Two forms of the medication are available: injection and nasal. The nasal Naloxone is considerably cheaper. Sarah had conducted research from neighboring counties regarding how they are dispensing the drug. It was reported that Blount County has currently saved nine lives to date and Knox County claims 29 lives saved by the use of Naloxone.

SAMSA is releasing \$11 million in 2016, likely October, in funding states to increase purchase, distribution, and training associated with Naloxone. Roane and Morgan counties have been approved for receipt of a portion of the funds. Sarah shared that her goal is for Naloxone to be as readily available to the public as a defibrillator or an EpiPen. For the Coalition to purchase and distribute Naloxone, protocol will need to be established and staff are working to be prepared.

Naloxone Training: Sarah began the training by sharing a brief history of the drug and reviewing relevant information using the Smart Board. As the group attendees completed the training, an online

test was administered at the end of the training, resulting in the receipt of a certificate of completion from the Tennessee Department of Health.

Sarah acknowledged that Sen. Yager and Rep. Calfee were key in providing the Good Samaritan Civil Liability Law that protects people from being held liable if unintended consequences result from attempts to provide help to one in need.

Jill Murphy made a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

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