



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition  
March 9, 2016**

**Members/Guest Present:** Kris Brinkmeier, Marilyn Calfee, Cathy Day, Christy Duncan, Donna Forstrom, Ashley Freeburg, Nick Gaston, Sarah Harrison, Charlene Hipster, Sue Karber, Stacey Maltman, Jill Murphy, Sherry Samples, Beth Sams, Mollie Swallows, Patti Wells

**Title VI:** Sarah and the staff provided a training/review of the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 anti-discrimination legislation. An explanation of Title VI is attached to the March minutes and this document was posted on the large screen for review during the Coalition meeting. In addition, a brief summary was printed and will continue to be printed on the backside of the monthly sign-in sheets, so that future members or absentees will have access to the information. It was noted that information regarding complaints regarding Title VI are outlined in the Policies & Procedures Manual and posted on the bulletin board in the office.

**NAS Update:** Kris reported activities focused on NAS (Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome). A NAS Breakfast is scheduled for healthcare professionals at the Roane Medical Center on Friday, March 11 from 8:00-9:00 AM. Currently, 19 administrators/staff have registered for the event. Resources will be provided and a couple of guest speakers are scheduled to speak.

A NAS Town Hall meeting for the general public has been planned, however, the event must be rescheduled due to a conflict.

Sarah mentioned that October is NAS awareness month and the Coalition is expected to provide presentations during that emphasis.

**Additional Reports:** Kris announced that March 16 is Kick Butts Day. A Lunch and Learn is planned as well as a few P3 club events.

Kris shared some information regarding a drug awareness initiative targeting kindergarten children. Kingston Elementary allowed her to conduct a 4-week program that involved about 90 kindergarteners. The program was very successful and well-received. Midtown and Ridgeview Elementary Schools have requested the program for their students next spring.

Sarah demonstrated a product named Evzio, which she was given by a pharmaceutical representative with Kaleo. It is a product used to stop opiate overdoses that requires a doctor's prescription. There is work being done to potentially attain a "blanket prescription" for all law enforcement officers in Roane County and for all schools to have it readily available. Sarah demonstrated the product through a trainer Evzio product. There is discussion for the Coalition to fund media awareness of the product.

**Well House – Vivitrol Report:** Stacey Maltman, nurse practitioner from Well House located in Kingston, presented information regarding a program to assist adults with recovery from opiate and alcohol addictions.

Well House is a new medical facility in Roane County that among other medical services offers a Victory Treatment Program, which uses Vivitrol to treat addiction. Recipients must be accepted into this specific program through a screening and treatment includes a monthly injection and counseling. The program is a 12-month process and treats opioid and alcohol addiction. Questions and discussion regarding the injection and the Well House itself were numerous and lengthy. Contact information was distributed to all attendees. The overview sounded promising as a resource to treat addiction and abusive behaviors.

**Legislative Update:** Sarah has been making numerous trips to Nashville to support and stay informed regarding several legislative bill proposals. The first bill discussed provides an opportunity of reallocation of court fines, allowing drug awareness and prevention programs to be included as recipients. This bill could potentially provide funding for coalitions across the state. It has passed through the House and has successfully moved through the Senate Judiciary Committee; it is expected to pass in the Senate next week. The Roane County Commission will need to pass a resolution to assess how local funding might be reallocated in order to implement this here.

The Prescription Safety Act of 2016 would revise procedures for the controlled substance database and make permanent the 2012 Act. The database initiated by the 2012 legislation has been most helpful and is expected to pass easily through the legislative process in 2016.

Lastly and probably the most controversial of the three bills highlighted at the meeting, the Fetal Assault Law was briefly discussed. Current legislation permits the prosecution of a woman for assault of a fetus based on her illegal use of narcotic drugs while pregnant. This bill terminates the legislation as it appears to have caused some pregnant women to avoid prenatal care entirely to avoid detection. This bill is still in committee and under review.

**New Business:** Nick Gaston from Ridgeview introduced himself to the Coalition members and meeting guests. He is a recovery specialist and encouraged references be made to the STOP Recovery program.

The next Coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at noon at the RCADC office (151 E. Race St, Kingston).

## **What is Title VI?**

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is a national law that protects persons from discrimination based on their race, color, or national origin in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance. If you are eligible for Medicaid, other health care, or human services, you cannot be denied assistance because of your race, color, or national origin. The Office for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services enforces Title VI as well as other civil rights laws.

The RCADC is a recipient of federal funds and may not, directly or through contractual or other arrangements, on the basis of race, color or national origin:

- Deny an individual any disposition, service, financial aid, or benefit provided under the program;
- Provide any disposition, service, financial aid, or benefit to an individual which is different, or is provided in a different manner, from that provided to others under the program;
- Subject an individual to segregation or separate treatment in any matter related to the receipt of any disposition, service, financial aid, or benefit under the program;
- Restrict an individual in any way in the enjoyment of any advantage or privilege enjoyed by others receiving any disposition, service, financial aid, or benefit under the program;
- Treat an individual differently from others in determining whether such person satisfies any admission, enrollment, quota, eligibility, membership, or other requirement or condition which individuals must meet in order to be provided any disposition, service, financial aid, function or benefit provided under the program;
- Deny an individual an opportunity to participate in the program through the provision of services or otherwise or afford such person an opportunity to do so which is different from that afforded others under the program; or,
- Deny a person the opportunity to participate as a member of a planning or advisory body which is an integral part of the program