



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)
November 8, 2017**

Members/Guests Present: Timothy Bell, Marilyn Calfee, Cathy Day, Connie Duckworth, Ryan Etherton, Donna Forstrom, Ashley Freeberg, Chanel Finnel, Sarah Harrison, Suzanne Horsfall, Jason Goodman, Maretta McNichol, Jill Murphey, Renee Salyers, Sherry Samples, Beth Sams, Jeff Shaw, Leonora Spangler, Charles Stallings, Jeanna Steele-Mack, and Nathan Wray

Sarah called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She began by saying Marilyn should be on her way, but in an effort to begin on time began the meeting by introducing herself; she asked everyone to introduce themselves as we had several guests/new members.

Marilyn arrived and thanked members and guests for their attendance. She announced that she would bring an article next week that Representative Calfee received outlining negative outcomes from the legalization of cannabis in states, such as Colorado.

New Staff Reports: Sarah asked the two new staff members to report on their roles at the Coalition. Nathan Wray, Prevention Coordinator, began his presentation using PowerPoint and lots of pictures of activities conducted by RCADC. Nathan shared examples of interactions with students and school staff members through the P3 (Positive Peer Pressure) Clubs, which are established in all five middle schools in the county. Other initiatives on which he works include presentations for after-school programs, including Kiddie Korner Day Care and elementary schools. He encouraged schools to offer a three-week course entitled, Your Brain and Body on Opioids; he was pleased to announce the course will be taught through the Harriman High School Health Science class, and he is working to offer the course at the other high schools in the county. He reported interaction with the Boys and Girls Club using the same curriculum for the three-week course focused on opioid abuse. He has also made contact with Roane State athletes who are interacting with students in various initiatives

Jeanna Steele-Mack, RSVP Program Director, then shared information regarding the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Grant under which she has trained and is implementing through the Coalition. The goal of the grant is to increase community service focusing on recruiting 100 volunteers ages 55 or older. There is also a capacity building effort to recruit 40 volunteers of any age. The focus of both initiatives is to address the opioid crisis in our communities. In addition to sharing some events in the RSVP program, Jeanna assists Nathan with some projects. She shared that the Coalition recently collected 45.6 pounds of unused or expired medication on Take Back Day. The Coalition is also working with CADCA to collect data regarding efforts to reach out and support veterans suffering from substance abuse. Sarah indicated the Coalition will be reporting in February to the national committee (CADCA) who initiated this project in order to evaluate and develop toolkits to meet the needs of communities reaching out to their vet populations.

Other Business: Suzanne expressed her approval of the informative meeting and also brought to attention that Sarah and the RCADC is honored to have been selected by CADCA to help develop materials to be used by other coalitions through the United States.

Nathan shared the need for food for middle school students while away from school during Christmas break. Through the Coalition he has begun a food drive; he shared details and asked those present to support. He is also promoting this initiative on social media.

Leonora is again collecting donations for the Teen Stocking Project conducted by the Roane County Community Advisory Board to encourage juveniles in need during the Christmas season.

Ashley shared a success story from Recovery Count and announced a recent graduation.

Dr. Bell shared a brief report regarding his success with an eight-month, medically-assisted program to address opiate addiction. There was some discussion. He will be providing a 45 minute presentation on December 5th at 6:00 at the Michael Dunn Center in conjunction with the Rotary Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sarah reminded everyone of Donna's annual balloon release in memory of Clayton that will take place on Sunday the 12th at 1pm at Oak Ridge Memorial Gardens. A flier has been placed on the RCADC website.

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