



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)
September 5, 2018**

Members/Guests Present: Sarah Harrison, Jeff Shaw, Teddi Dison, Betty Mowrer, Pati Russell, Selena Rider, Leonora Spangler, Dr. Timothy Bell, Jack Flanders, Nathan Wray, Ashley Freeberg, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Teresa Bestwick, Patti Luttrell, Dina Jackson, Sherry Samples.

Sarah called the meeting to order and Dr. Timothy Bell asked if he could make an announcement. Dr. Bell stated that he is not opening a suboxone clinic in downtown Kingston as has been reported on Facebook. He stated that he will offer the same services he has always offered as a family medicine doctor, but that he will no longer be accepting insurance and will only be taking cash as payment. He stated that his office will be by appointment only and although he is currently open he does not have any clients at this time.

Nathan introduced Selena Rider, the Founder, President, and Director for Transformation Haven Ministries in Madisonville, Tennessee. Selena began the presentation with her personal testimony of parents who battled addiction, a mother who committed suicide and her father's incarceration. Selena grew up in poverty being raised by her grandmother. Selena stated that she became addicted to drugs which is something she swore she would never do after seeing how it affected her parents. Selena has been drug free for 7 years now and is the Founder of Transformation Haven Ministries which is a 501(c)3 non-profit women's rehabilitation center that will offer 12-month treatment for women in addiction. The home will house 15 women and will adhere to a strict daily schedule. The women will not be allowed to be employed during their stay, so that they can focus on their recovery, but they will do 2-3 hours of service activities per day. The only cost associated with Transformation Haven Ministries is a \$200 admittance fee which is used to pay for the initial blood tests. Transformation Haven Ministries doesn't receive any state, federal, or government funding so they are relying solely on the community to raise and maintain funds. They have a doctor on their Board of Directors who will provide medical care for all of the women in the house free of charge, but there will be no Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT). If women need to detox before coming to the house, they can go to Peninsula or CenterPointe. They hope to open their doors within two months as the only obstacle before they can open is to get a type 1 commercial hood that vents out the house with an internal fire extinguisher.

Jack Flanders stated that he is interested in seeing the old hospital in Harriman converted into a rehabilitation center.

The meeting concluded as no new business was discussed.

The next coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd at noon at the RCADC office.