



Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)

April 6, 2022

Members/Guests Present: Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Ashley Freeberg, Anne Pirtle, Laura Conner, Sarah Harrison, McKayla Gallaher, Kylee Dick, Allen Lutz, Gary Bickford, Nancy Steele, Mike Barber, Shane Farris, John Mayes, Tabatha Floyd, Leonora Spangler, Joey Metcalf, Amanda Daugherty, Kelly Tedder, Ben Briley, LaTausha Gilmore and 22 watched on Facebook

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our April coalition meeting was held via Zoom.

Ashley Freeberg provided coalition members with an update on the smoke free ordinances, which RCADC staff and Roane County School students are working to have passed in each of the cities in the county. The ordinance would make all parks and recreation areas smoke-free and vape-free.

Nathan Wray updated attendees on the end of school activities which include anti-vaping presentations, Prom Promise, and academic assemblies.

Sarah Harrison, RCADC Executive Director, provided an update on The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) meeting noting that the process will be slow, and she will keep everyone updated. The purpose of the meeting was to advance community-based solutions for justice-involved people with mental and substance use disorders. Roane County was 1 of 10 counties in Tennessee chosen for the \$450,000 funding from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services through the Bureau of Justice Affairs.

Tabatha Floyd with Centerstone was the speaker and her presentation was on, "Tennessee Youth Prepared for Success." Centerstone is a non-profit that offers a full range of mental health and substance use disorder services. They are providing pregnancy prevention and STI information for teens. Tennessee is the 8th highest state for teen pregnancy. Centerstone is focused on 18 and 19-year old's due to their high pregnancy rate. Their curriculum focuses on healthy relationships, communication, and how to say no effectively as well as empowering youth to talk with their parents. Cornerstone has been providing this program for ten years and it is in compliance with Tennessee state laws. Cornerstone is eager to attend community events and offers several comic books for free related to mental health, drugs and alcohol, sex and relationships, social media and internet safety, and bullying. They also have a "Talk 2 Me" series which is designed for parents.

The meeting closed with updates from our community partners. The updates are listed below.

LaTausha Gilmore with Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System reminded everyone that Kingston Street Fest will be Saturday, April 23rd.

Allen Lutz with the Roane Alliance stated that their annual Roane Gala will be May 6th at the Barn at Maple Creek. They have an upcoming training: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) webinar: EEOC Overview on Wednesday, April 20th. Additionally, this morning they offered the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) webinar: Social Media and Workplace Implications. Allen thanked everyone who participated in the Career Day at Harriman High School on March 28th.

Laura Conner with the Roane County Health Department stated that they are offering fourth COVID-19 booster shots for anyone age 50 or older and for anyone age 12 or older who is immune compromised. They are giving the vaccines from 8:30am-11am and from 12:30pm-4pm.

Leonora Spangler with Juvenile Probation stated that they are still looking for presenters for Children's Attitude and Motivational Program (CAMP) which will take place this summer for youth ages 13 to 17 who are referred by the court system.

Detective John Mayes with the Roane County Sheriff's Office stated that their permanent disposal bin is full and is usually at capacity with expired and unused medication within 72 hours. He reported that marijuana juvenile use has increased and that increase includes Delta 8 and Delta 10. He stated that other drug use has reportedly decreased among youth. He reported that there have been several major car accidents lately which were related to marijuana. Additionally, polysubstance continues to be found in many fatal overdoses. He reported that 16 fatal overdoses have occurred in Roane County so far this year.

Our next coalition meeting will be Wednesday, May 4th at 12:00pm at the Gravel Pit Park in Kingston. The Tennessee Army National Guard's Counterdrug Task Force will be here with their "Stashed Away" trailer.