



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)  
February 5, 2020**

**Members/Guests Present: Cathy Day, Demerius Bunch, Terry Stevens, Mike Barber, Scott Verschueren, Ben Briley, Taelor Banks, Faye Kelly, Beth Sams, Tori May, Sherry Samples, Sarah Harrison, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Leonora Spangler, Mary Beth Pennington, Marilyn Calfee, LaDonna Booker**

Nathan Wray and Sarah Harrison began the meeting with a recap of the RCADC 15-year celebration which took place in December 2019 as well as the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY) grant that focuses on Life Skills Training which Ashley Freeberg is implementing in the Roane County Schools. Nathan reminded everyone that Narcan training and distribution is available through our Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist (ROPS) with ASAP of Anderson. Jeanna Steele-Mack advised that Dr. Terry Stevens has been awarded the Governor's Star Awards and will be attending the awards ceremony on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in Franklin. This is the highest award that a volunteer can receive in the State of Tennessee. His accomplishment was also featured in today's Roane County News. Nathan Wray and Ashley Freeberg are taking 5 students from Rockwood Middle School P3 Club and Oliver Springs Middle School P3 Club to Nashville for Prevention Day on the Hill on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will get the opportunity to speak with legislators to educate them on the importance of prevention. Finally, everyone was encouraged to take a suicide prevention poster with them to be displayed at their places of employment, churches, etc. Suicide prevention is this year's focus for the Roane County Health Council.

LaDonna Booker with Village Behavioral Health was the speaker for the meeting. Village Behavioral Health is a residential treatment center for mental health and addiction treatment as well as dual diagnosis. Their master's level therapists focus on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and being trauma informed. They can house up to 96 young people from ages 13-17 years old and will likely be serving 12-year olds in the near future. They have separate male and female campuses on their 65 acres. They offer family therapy once a week and family therapy is required at least once per month. A discharge plan is in place when students leave the facility and they can be followed for two years. The PowerPoint presentation is below these minutes.

Sarah Harrison advised that RCADC is planning to purchase a table for the "A Night in Roane" event on March 28<sup>th</sup> for the annual Roane Alliance Gala and Roane Chamber Banquet. Anyone who is interested in attending and sitting at the coalition table is encouraged to contact Sarah.

Beth Sams, with the Roane County Sheriff's Office, provided a monthly activity calendar of events which will take place during the month of February in Roane County.

Mary Beth Pennington, with Trenton Street Baptist Church, stated that they will be having a monthly grandparent's support group for grandparents raising grandchildren. They will meet on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm and childcare will be provided.

Demerius Bunch reminded everyone that the CASA Winter Blast will be Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-9:30pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and the event will be held at the Princess Theatre. Dinner will be provided, and Emi Sunshine will be performing.

Dr. Tim Bell reminded everyone that the Kingston Rotary pancake breakfast will be this Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-11am at the Kingston Church of Christ Family Center. Tickets are \$5 per person. Our next meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at the RCADC office.