



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)
June 2, 2021**

Members/Guests Present: Beth Sams, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison, LaDonna Booker, Catherine Brunson, Laura Conner, Charles Stallings, Robert Woody, Patsy Dockery, Lisa McMahan, Ben Briley, Suzanne Horsfall, Brad Goss, Kathleen Cherry, Allen Lutz, Michael Yates

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

Jeanna Steele-Mack offered volunteer opportunities for the months of June and July and requested that interested parties contact her.

Ashley Freeberg informed coalition members that RCADC staff and volunteers will be assisting with the summer camps at Midway Elementary and Bowers Elementary during the month of June. RCADC will also be assisting Roane County Schools with their summer nutrition program during the months of June and July. We will be at the Kingston Four Apartments on Mondays and Thursdays from 11am-12pm to distribute food.

Sarah Harrison, RCADC Executive Director, advised that RCADC has a student intern that will be starting this summer. Sarah also reminded coalition members that RCADC has been awarded correctional careers pathway funding through East Tennessee State University (ETSU) and the Appalachian Regional Commission. RCADC is working with the Roane County Sheriff's Office to utilize the funds by expanding the programs that the Sheriff's Office currently offers. The program will provide soft skills such as communication and problem-solving skills, so that individuals can gain employment while serving time in jail. RCADC is waiting for a signed contract from the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services regarding the State Opioid Response Grant which focuses on preventing stimulant and opioid use.

Nathan Wray reminded everyone that RCADC will host Drug Awareness Days at the Rockwood Pool on July 7th at 7:30pm and the Kingston Pool on July 20th at 7:30pm. RCADC will sponsor the pool admissions on those dates. RCADC will have a Men's Mental Health Cookout on June 23rd at 11am at the Roane County Park. Ridgeview, mobile crisis and Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) will be at the event as well.

Our presenter was scheduled to be Empathy Guerin with the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Task Force and their "Stashed Away" trailer, but they had to cancel due to unforeseen circumstances. RCADC will reschedule the "Stashed Away" trailer for a future coalition meeting.

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

Catherine Brunson with ASAP of Anderson expressed interest in providing Narcan training to the inmates as part of the correctional careers pathway. She mentioned that inmates can't be given Narcan while incarcerated, but if they complete the training they can be given it upon release.

Beth Sams with the Roane County Sheriff's Office advised that she has a calendar with monthly events. She stated that there are farmer's markets and food trucks throughout the county and that the Roane State Expo Center and

the Princess Theater both have upcoming events. She reminded everyone that the Roane Gala is Friday, June 18th from 6-10pm.

Ben Briley with Young Professionals of Roane County stated that they will have an event on June 10th at Taylor Motor Company. Visit yroane.com for more information on the organization.

Laura Conner with the Roane County Health Department advised that they will be hiring for a Harm Reduction Navigator. The Health Department will be giving COVID-19 vaccines at the Men's Mental Health Cookout with RCADC.

Lisa McMahan with UT Extension Office stated that they have a walking program and the next event will be Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Rockwood Forest. They have a Home Run Parents program launching in July, and they still have spots available for their 4-H camp. She reminded everyone that Penny Perry will be retiring, and they are looking to fill her position.

Allen Lutz with the Roane Alliance stated that they will have Excel training classes on July 13th and 15th and on July 27th and 29th. The cost is \$99 for chamber members and \$169 for non-chamber members.

Robert Woody with Tennessee Highway Patrol stated that they will be having Driving Under the Influence (DUI) checkpoints with TWRA, Homeland Security and Probation and Parole in July. He stated that this is peak time for DUI's and there has been 1 fatality in Roane County this year due to DUI.

Michael Yates with Ridgeview Behavioral Health Services stated that they continue to do podcasts and Laura Conner will be featured on the podcast today at 2pm. Catherine Brunson will be featured on an upcoming podcast as well. He emphasized that Ridgeview will be at the Men's Mental Health Cookout with RCADC and expressed interest in their school-based service personnel participating in the summer school camps at Midway Elementary and Bowers Elementary.

A recording of this meeting is available on the RCADC Facebook page. Our July meeting is canceled due to the holiday, so our next coalition meeting will be Wednesday, August 4th at 12pm via Zoom. Our presentation will be on the bark app, which helps families manage and protect their children's online lives.