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Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)

June 3, 2026 Meeting

Minutes

Members/Guest Present: Sarah Harrison (Executive Director), Ashley Freeberg (Prevention Coordinator), Danielle Pritchett (Volunteer Coordinator), Hailey Eason (Drug Endangered Children Coordinator), Twila Rule, Donnie Foster, Joni Mitchelle, Helen Tammaro, McKayla Gallaher, Sandy Leavell, Catilin Moore, Leonora Spangler, Roberto Garica, Beth Sams, Keith Bryant, Tim Phillips, Jonathan Whaley, Jessica Woodell, Kathleen Cherry, Jennifer Taylor, LaDonna Booker, Justin Lacey, Maretta McNichol.

Our monthly coalition meeting was held in person at the RCADC office at 151 E. Race St Kingston, TN.

The meeting was called to order by Hailey Eason. Hailey welcomed attendees, provided an overview of the meeting agenda, and let each guest introduce themselves and share their events/updates. She then introduced the guest speakers- Drug Free Dickson's Casey Renolds, CPRS and Jennifer Taylor, FNP-C, MSN, APRN.

Jennifer began by discussing her personal and professional commitment to maternal mental health with a focus on imploving maternal health outcomes in the presence of

substance use. The Coalition viewed a segment of a documentary called “Forest for the Trees.” This documentary, produced by ETSU’s Dr. Kelly Moore, introduced attendees to the struggles and ongoing stigma associated with being pregnant and finding treatment for substance use disorder (SUD). Jennifer shared parts of the 2023 Maternal Mortality Report to the Tennessee General Assembly, highlighting that 134 women died “while pregnant or within one year of pregnancy,” with substance use disorder being in the top 3 leading causes of those deaths. Jennifer shared her recommendations for coalitions, professionals, and the community at large including increasing access to: Naloxone, SUD screenings for pregnant women, and access to prenatal care.

Casey Reynolds followed Jennifer, and began by describing her role as the Maternal Health Coordinator for Drug Free Dickson. She discussed relevant maternal mental health and mortality data from the state of TN, noting that Tennessee ranks first in the nation with the highest maternal mortality rates- 41.1 women out of 100,000 died while pregnant or within 42 days of pregnancy (2018-2022). Casey discussed the 4 key barriers to reducing maternal mortality including a lack of screening, lack of referrals, lack of resources, and dely in treatment. Casey highlighted that using an ACEs screener may help identify mothers with increased risk, noting that a higher ACE score puts women at a higher risk for substance use, mental health challenges, and chronic health conditions. She ended by describing to the coalition the process with which she receives referrals and how she connects those referrals to resources. She

provided the coalition with helpful resources, including the Maternal Health Resource Guide, found at the QR link below.

https://drugfreedickson.com/resource-directory/

Sarah thanked attendees, and closed the meeting at 12pm.

Our next meeting will be held August 5, 2026, at the RCADC office at 151 E. Race St. Kingston, TN