



Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)

June 3, 2020

Members/Guests Present: Beth Sams, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Leonora Spangler, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison, Laura Conner, Kent Stephens, Suzanne Horsfall, Demerius Bunch, Patsy Dockery, Renee Salyers, Janice Church, Connie Gardner, Nancy Steele, Sherry Samples, Anne Pirtle, Shannon Hargreaves, Kathleen Cherry, Allen Lutz, Jennifer Nguyen, Shawna Adkins, Marilyn Calfee, LaDonna Booker

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. Laura Conner, Director of the Roane County Health Department, provided an update on COVID-19 which included vital information and up-to-date data regarding the pandemic. Nathan Wray presented briefly on medication safety as June is National Safety Month. The PowerPoint presentation by Laura Conner is below these minutes. Organizational updates are listed below.

Beth Sams, with the Roane County Sheriff's Office, advised that the medication disposal bin at the Sheriff's Office is full so they can no longer accept medication for safe disposal. Sarah Harrison, RCADC Executive Director, stated that we will provide them with a box of DisposeRx which can be given to individuals wishing to safely dispose of their medication. DisposeRx is a convenient at-home disposal method for medication.

Renee Salyers, with WestCare, advised that their grant has been approved for a summer camp in Tennessee which will run from August 21st-August 30th. They are looking for mentors for the camp.

Anne Pirtle, with Ridgeview, stated that they are open normal hours and encourage walk-in clients to arrive before 8:00am. They ask that all clients wear masks.

Connie Gardner, with JourneyPure, stated that they are also open for business. JourneyPure is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

Kathleen Cherry, with Life Choices Resource Center, stated that they are open by appointment, and are providing clients with diapers, wipes, formula, and baby clothes.

Sarah Harrison advised that RCADC staff continues to work remotely but are in the office as needed. We continue to provide evidence-based programming while maintaining social distance. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 1st at 12:00pm via Zoom. Our speaker will be Catherine Brunson with ASAP of Anderson who will present on opioid overdose reversal with Naloxone.