Ashley Freeberg provided coalition members with an update on the Prevention Alliance of Tennessee (PAT) Day on the Hill, which took place virtually in January. The students chosen were: Madison Williams from Cherokee Middle School, Noah Hendrickson from Midway Middle School, Lane Taylor from Harriman Middle School, Aubree Reed from Oliver Springs Middle School and Alex Adams from Rockwood Middle School. RCADC staff scheduled a Zoom meeting with State Senator Ken Yager, and the students were taken to meet various leaders throughout Roane County. These leaders included: Kim Henry with Mane Support, County Commissioner Ron Berry, Harriman Mayor Wayne Best, Harriman Police Department Chief Baron Tapp, TCAT of Harriman Instructor Andrew Aydelott, Leonora Spangler with Juvenile Probation, and Roane County Sheriff Jack Stockton. Each student was awarded a scholarship from the Jayne Jackson Memorial Scholarship which is funded by donations made in Jayne's memory.

Nathan Wray updated attendees on the two latest Makin' It Work Classes which were held at First Baptist Church in Kingston with Lieutenant Maretta McNichol. The Makin' It Work program consists of 10 lessons and is designed to help inmates who are transitioning from corrections to the community. Maretta stressed the importance of the class as it helps inmates with their work release program by allowing them to save money and pay toward their fines. She stated that the participants are working to get their licenses back as well.

Sarah Harrison, RCADC Executive Director, provided an update on The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) meeting which took place in February. 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. The list of priorities identified were:

1. Multi-generational substance use prevention, education and programs for youth and families
2. Jail re-entry services with assessments for community resources, providing action plans and follow-up post release
3. Pre-trial release services from court appearances until case disposition
4. A housing and transportation system for individuals with substance use disorder or mental health issues including a shared tracking system for services
5. A community outreach campaign to increase awareness.

LaDonna Booker with Village Behavioral Health Treatment Center was the presenter. LaDonna stated that their program is for youth ages 10-17. Previously they just saw children ages 13-17, but they recently began their "NOVA" program which is designed for children ages 10-12. The children in the NOVA program are always kept separate from the older children. Males and females of all ages are kept separate except when attending school as the NOVA program is co-ed for education. Their school has licensed teachers and a principal. Most children that they serve are dually diagnosed. All of their therapists are master's level. They offer equine and dog therapy and also have rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs. They have a store at Village Behavioral Health where the children can use "money" that they earn for good

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