



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)
May 1, 2019**

Members/Guests Present: Jeanna Steele-Mack, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison, Nathan Wray, Suzanne Horsfall, Beth Sams, Gary Cosby, Patti Luttrell, Corinne Shaw, Donna Forstrom, Jason Goodman, Jill Murphy, Ken Mynatt, Laura Conner, Joseph Goss, Mollie Swallows, Shawna Adkins, Ben Briley

Nathan Wray opened the meeting by informing coalition members that our planned speaker, Reico Hopwell with the Mend House Sober Living Community, had to cancel at the last minute due to a crisis with a client. Nathan advised that 298.6 pounds of medication was collected in Roane County on National Prescription Drug Take Back Day last Saturday, April 27th. The DEA sent a representative to visit each of the three take back sites in Roane County which included: Food City in Kingston, Walgreens in Harriman, and Wal-Mart in Rockwood. Nathan reported on the continued increase of medication that has been properly disposed of since the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day in October 2017. Nathan also provided an update on tobacco class advising that 6 out of the 7 students who attended the class were there because they were caught vaping at school, previously most students were sent to tobacco class because of dip and/or snuff. Ashley Freeberg and Nathan reminded coalition members that RCADC has been assisting the School Resource Officers with Prom Promise and Oliver Springs is the only high school whose prom has yet to take place. Prom Promise is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th in Oliver Springs as their prom is Saturday, May 11th.

Coalition members and RCADC staff played an ice breaker that Ashley and Nathan have been using with students throughout Roane County before going around the room and letting coalition members provide information on upcoming events in the community. Beth Sams with the Roane County Sheriff's Office provided members with a calendar of events which she provides to seniors that the Sheriff's Office checks on. She advised that the Child Advocacy Center is having an auction and dinner on Thursday, May 9th to raise money to support their efforts helping children who have experienced trauma. Jason Goodman with Project Lifeline and Metro Drug Coalition provided referrals to treatment to 160 individuals during the past quarter and advised that Metro Drug Coalition is piloting the building of a software program to improve the coordination of care. They are also looking for building space to have a recovery community center, and all services will be free to participants. Patti Luttrell with A Prodigal's Path 2 Recovery stated that they are a faith based 12 step program that provides DUI classes, anger management classes, and NA and AA meetings weekly. This Saturday, May 4th will be their monthly breakfast from 9am-12pm and anyone in the community is welcome to attend.

Sarah Harrison advised that RCADC will have our state programming audit tomorrow and the fiscal audit will occur in early June. She stated that next month Brad Daugherty with TWRA will be the speaker at our June Coalition meeting and will highlight Operation Drywater which occurs July 5-7th and encourages sobriety while boating as alcohol is a leading factor in recreational boater deaths. Sarah also informed coalition members that HB1360 which Representative Calfee supports has been moved to the opioid committee for further review and refinement. The bill requires a prescriber to also prescribe naloxone when prescribing opioids or benzodiazepines to a patient, and Senator Yager supports the same requirements in SB1384. She also informed coalition members that several Tennessee lawmakers are pushing to increase the minimum age to buy tobacco or vaping products from 18 to 21. Jason Goodman informed members that the fetal assault bill (Tennessee House Bill 1168) has died out. The law would have allowed prosecutors to charge pregnant women with assault if their baby was harmed because of their drug use. The coalition had concerns regarding this bill as it might have kept women from receiving prenatal care due to the fear of being prosecuted.

Ashley Freeberg advised that RCADC will assist with Children's Attitude and Motivational Program (CAMP) beginning June 3rd and that we will be reaching out to coalition members and area service providers to speak with the students.

CAMP is for juvenile offenders age 13-17 who are ordered to attend by the court. Ashley attended the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit last week and was excited to announce that Monty Burkes was introduced at the event by President Donald J. Trump. Monty Burkes is the State Director of Faith-Based Initiatives for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Jill Murphy with Systems of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT) is accepting referrals and currently has 2 openings in our area. Donna Forstrom advised that Drug Awareness Day at the Oak Ridge Pool will be Saturday, July 13th from 10am-2pm. Suzanne Horsfall stated that Life Choices of Roane County is looking for volunteers to assist with their public relations and marketing.

Laura Conner, Director of the Health Department in Roane and Morgan Counties, stated that there continues to be a Hepatitis A outbreak with 30 confirmed cases in Roane County and that the Health Department can provide immunizations for Hep A. She also advised that there have been 4 confirmed cases of measles in Tennessee due to people who are choosing not to immunize. She stated that two doses of the immunization are needed in order to be immune and the Health Department is providing those immunizations as well. They are also starting a Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) clinic for HIV. She advised that their Substance Abuse Navigator has taken a job with hospice, so they are looking to fill that position.

Shawna Adkins with Rockwood Village Apartments requested Narcan training for residents as they are being prescribed Narcan by their doctors when given an opioid, but they aren't being given training regarding how to administer Narcan. Sarah Harrison stated that the coalition will be happy to provide that training. Jeanna Steele-Mack informed coalition members that she has been asked to present at the Senior Corps Responds: Senior Corps and The Opioid Epidemic in Columbus, Ohio in July. Gary Cosby was recognized as our volunteer of the month for his work with National Prescription Drug Take Back Day as well as his work with the Count it! Lock it! Drop it! program.

The next coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the RCADC office.