



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)  
November 7, 2018**

**Members/Guests Present: Jeanna Steele-Mack, Leonora Spangler, Patti Luttrell, Sue Skytta, Donna Forstrom, Beth Sams, Maretta McNichol, Sherry Samples, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison, Nathan Wray, Terry Stevens, Raquel Leah, Jill Murphy, Nancy Steele, Cathy Day, Demerius Bunch**

Sarah introduced Jill Murphy who is the East Tennessee Divisional Coordinator with Tennessee Commission on Children & Youth for the System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT). SOCAT is a \$12 million dollar federal grant from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). SOCAT helps children ages 0-21 with a mental health diagnosis or dual diagnosis to receive wrap around services to help the children and their families realize their hopes and dreams. SOCAT serves children with the highest needs, and services are provided for approximately one year. Participation in the program is voluntary and not court mandated. The program is family focused and youth driven. With help from one or more facilitators, individuals from the family's life work together, coordinate activities, and blend their perspectives of the family's situation. The referral process can be found at [www.SOCacrossTN.org](http://www.SOCacrossTN.org). Anyone can make a referral to the program and SOCAT must make contact with the family within 24 hours. If the family confirms interest in services, SOCAT must meet with the family within 7 days. Jill covers all the counties in East Tennessee with the exception of Scott and Campbell counties. If the family declines services or the child does not qualify, SOCAT will still locate resources for the children. Jill's contact information is [jill.murphy@tn.gov](mailto:jill.murphy@tn.gov) and 865-696-4424.

The meeting concluded with new business. Sarah thanked everyone who participated in National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 27th. She informed everyone that 217.4 pounds of medication was collected in Roane County that day, and that Deborah Cox Roush, Director of Senior Corps, was in Roane County to see the impact that RSVP volunteers have in the community. As Director of Senior Corps, Deborah was appointed to the position by President Donald J. Trump.

Donna Forstrom reminded everyone that the 15th Annual Say No to Drugs Balloon Release will be held at Oak Ridge Memorial Park at Clayton's gravesite on Sunday, November 11th at 1 p.m. Donna encouraged everyone to attend.

Maretta McNichol stated that on Thursday, November 29th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. there will be a training for anyone who wants to volunteer and/or teach within Roane County Jail. Maretta stated that the training is a requirement for anyone who is going into the jail.

The next coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at noon at A Prodigal's Path 2 Recovery. Lunch will be provided at the December meeting and the presentation will be a recap of our events and accomplishments throughout 2018.