



Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)

November 6, 2019

Members/Guests Present: Laura Booth, Brittany Cooper, Jennifer Brandenburg, Suzanne Horsfall, Lori Gruginski, Demerius Bunch, Nancy Steele, Shawna Adkins, Cathy Day, Beth Sams, Leonora Spangler, LaDonna Booker, Taelor Banks, Scott Verschueren, Sherry Samples, Ben Briley, Terry Stevens, Courtney Briley, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison

Nathan Wray opened the meeting with introductions and then proceeded to introduce Courtney Briley and Taelor Banks with the Michael Dunn Center. Courtney informed coalition members that the center is named for Michael Dunn who is an individual with Down Syndrome whose grandfather advocated for more resources and training for individuals with developmental and intellectual delays. The Michael Dunn Center serves over 400 children and adults within 12 programs in 28 different locations. Their programs include residential programs, day programs, employment, conservatorship, and early intervention services. They employ 350 individuals and have a budget of roughly 16 million dollars. Individuals can help the Michael Dunn Center by continuing to provide others with information about the programs they offer as well as their origin story, and by liking their Facebook page and sharing their posts. Individuals can also choose the Michael Dunn Center through AmazonSmile, which is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, and when you shop on AmazonSmile they donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. The PowerPoint presentation is below these minutes.

RCADC Executive Director, Sarah Harrison, reminded everyone that RCADC is planning their 15-year anniversary celebration which will take place in early December at the Rockwood Event Center. The date hasn't been confirmed yet, but RCADC staff will notify coalition members and community partners as soon as the date is scheduled (after the meeting it was decided that the event will take place on December 4th during the same timeframe as the regularly scheduled meeting).

Ashley Freeberg announced that Terry Stevens was selected as the volunteer of the month and will be featured on the RCADC Facebook page. Terry is a Board Member at RCADC as well as the Boys and Girls Club of Roane County. He was influential in bringing Bob Holmes, the one-man volleyball team, to all of the middle schools and high schools during Red Ribbon Week. Bob's message is on overcoming depression and bullying, as well as suicide, drug and alcohol prevention.

Beth Sams, with the Roane County Sheriff's Office, provided a monthly activity calendar of events which will take place during the month of November in Roane County.

Our next meeting will be the 15th annual celebration which will take place on December 4th at the Rockwood Event Center. Lunch will be served at 11:30am with an awards ceremony at 12:00pm. Lunch will be available until 2:00pm for those who cannot make it earlier. We will not have a coalition meeting during the month of January due to the New Year's holiday.