



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)
November 4, 2020**

Members/Guests Present: Beth Sams, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Leonora Spangler, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison, Laura Conner, LaDonna Booker, Shawn Scalf, Sarah Walsh, Catherine Brunson, Allen Lutz, Bobby Davis, Shawna Adkins, Brad Goss, Joanne Perley

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our November coalition meeting was held via Zoom. Joanne Perley with the Office of Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention presented on their “Be the One” campaign. This training equips staff members with the tools and resources needed to ultimately save lives within the workplace and beyond. This initiative began in the State of Tennessee as a suicide prevention campaign for co-workers. It is based on the idea that colleagues can help build a supportive workforce which values and affirms life. The campaign teaches us how to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide and teaches us how to ask the question directly. It also offers tips on how to develop good listening skills which is a key component of suicide prevention. The PowerPoint presentation is below these minutes.

Organizational updates are listed below:

Jeanna Steele-Mack reminded everyone that the DEA’s National Prescription Drug Take Back Day took place on Saturday, October 24th at the Big Emory Baptist Association and the Kingston Police Department. Roane County properly disposed of 307.2 pounds of medication which was collected by the Tennessee Dangerous Drugs Task Force for safe disposal via incineration. Due to COVID-19, both of these events were drive through locations. Catherine Brunson, Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist (ROPS) with ASAP of Anderson was at the Big Emory Baptist Association location to provide Narcan training and distribution during the event.

Sarah Harrison stated that Donna Forstrom will hold a balloon release in honor of her son, Clayton Smith, as well as anyone who has lost their life from substance use disorder. The event will be Sunday, November 8th at 1pm at the Oak Ridge Memorial Park at the graveside of her son.

Beth Sams with the Roane County Sheriff’s Office requested training on the “Be the One” campaign for the chaplains with the Sheriff’s Office and Joanne Perley agreed to provide the requested training.

Sarah Harrison reminded coalition members 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, December 2nd at 12:00pm via Zoom.