



## **Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)**

**October 3, 2018**

**Members/Guests Present: Jeanna Steele-Mack, Leonora Spangler, Marilyn Calfee, David Talley, Janice Church, Patti Luttrell, Sue Skytta, Teresa Bestwick, Donna Forstrom, Dr. Timothy Bell, Shawna Adkins, Beth Sams, Maretta McNichol, Jay Prinzi, Sherry Samples, Vince Brown, Ashley Freeberg**

Marilyn Calfee called the meeting to order and opened the floor for new business. Ashley Freeberg advised that she is the new Prevention Coordinator at RCADC. Jeanna Steele-Mack provided members with a flyer from Kingston United Methodist Church advising that there are 10 scholarships to fully fund an entire year of preschool for children ages 3 and 4 who are being raised by grandparents or great grandparents because their parents are no longer in the home due to the opioid epidemic. Applications can be picked up at Kingston United Methodist Church.

Marilyn introduced Jonathan Weaver, Intelligence Analyst, with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The mission of the DEA is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those organizations and principal members of organizations, involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States; and to recommend and support non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on the domestic and international markets. The DEA is supportive of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program and DEA 360. The DEA 360 strategy responds to the heroin and prescription opioid pill crisis. This strategy takes an innovative three-pronged approach to combating heroin/opioid use through: coordinated law enforcement actions against drug cartels and heroin traffickers in specific communities; Diversion Control enforcement actions against DEA registrants operating outside the law and long-term engagement with pharmaceutical drug manufacturers, wholesalers, pharmacies, and practitioners; and community outreach through local partnerships that empower communities to take back affected neighborhoods after enforcement actions and prevent the same problems from cropping up again. Jonathan advised that drugs of concern at this time are fentanyl, methamphetamine, heroin, marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, synthetic/party drugs, and pharmaceuticals. Fentanyl has been seized in this area and has been found mixed with cocaine in Knoxville. Fentanyl is being trafficked from Mexico and China, and is being brought into East Tennessee from Michigan, Georgia, North Carolina and New York. Fentanyl is being pressed into pills and the prices range from \$200 to \$400 per gram or \$20 to \$40 for 1/10 of gram. Methamphetamine is used primarily by Caucasian males and females. Some methamphetamine is still being "cooked" locally in rural or less populated areas, but the majority of methamphetamine (ice and crystal) is being sourced from Mexico. Cocaine is being trafficked from Mexico, but originates in Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia. Most cocaine comes to East Tennessee from Atlanta while crack cocaine is being trafficked from Atlanta and Detroit. Jonathan reminded everyone that doctor shopping still occurs in East Tennessee and pills sell for \$25-\$50 per pill.

The next coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th at noon at the RCADC office.