



Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)

October 7, 2020

Members/Guests Present: Beth Sams, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Leonora Spangler, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison, Laura Conner, LaDonna Booker, Carrie Landenberger, Renee Salyers, Shawn Scaff, Patsy Dockery, Delores Bird, Sarah Walsh, John Mayes, Kent Stephens, Alicia Price, Stephanie Strutner, Shandi Hill, and 7 people watched via Facebook

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our October coalition meeting was held via Zoom. Nathan Wray and Ashley Freeberg, Prevention Coordinators with RCADC presented on Red Ribbon Week. The theme for this year is, "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free." Red Ribbon Week is the largest drug-abuse prevention campaign in the United States and takes place from October 23rd-October 31st. In addition to Red Ribbon Week, Nathan and Ashley discussed National Prescription Drug Take Back Day which will occur on Saturday, October 24th from 10am-2pm at the Big Emory Baptist Association and the Kingston Police Department. Due to COVID-19, both of these events will be drive through locations. Catherine Brunson, Regional Overdose Prevention Specialist (ROPS) with ASAP of Anderson will be at the Big Emory Baptist Association to provide Narcan training and distribution during the event. The PowerPoint presentation is below these minutes.

Organizational updates are listed below:

Beth Sams with the Roane County Sheriff's Office provided information on monthly events that are taking place within the county, and she has calendars available for anyone needing them. She requested additional lockable medicine cabinets and brochures of the other permanent disposal bins in the county to provide to individuals when the disposal bin at the Roane County Sheriff's Office is full. Ashley Freeberg volunteered to deliver those items to Beth.

LaDonna Booker with Village Behavioral Health stated that they have beds available for youth ages 13-17 years old.

Sarah Harrison stated that the RCADC website is under construction and a new website will be coming soon. Sarah 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 following social distance guidelines.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th at 12:00pm via Zoom. Joanne Perley, Program Manager Suicide Prevention with the Office of Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention, will present on their "Be the One" campaign. This training will equip coalition members with the tools and resources to ultimately save lives within the workplace and beyond.