



Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC) Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2023

Members/Guests Present: Nathan Wray (Prevention Coordinator), Ben Briley (Volunteer Coordinator), Ashley Freeberg (Prevention Coordinator), Sarah Harrison (Executive Director), Daniella Stewart, Sydney Jernigan, Jessica Woodell, Matilyn Lands, Lori Gruginski, Demerius Bunch, Missy Wallace, Jessica Severt, Laura Conner, Jennifer Longmire, Muretta McNichol, Felicia Van Asten, Charles Elmore, Anne Pirtle (zoom), Ashley Sutton (zoom), Kathy Parks (zoom), Allen Lutz (zoom), Sandy Leavell (zoom)

Our monthly coalition was a hybrid meeting held in person at the RCADC office at 151 E Race St, Kingston, Tennessee and via Zoom.

Nathan Wray began with opening remarks and asked for introductions from attendees.

Nathan introduced the speaker, Charles Elmore, Executive Director of Family Promise of Roane County (FPRC).

- See Presentation for detailed information.
- Family Promise is the nation's leading organization focused to prevent and end family homelessness.
- FPRC provides meal service through seventeen partner churches in Roane County.
- FPRC has three shelters at partner churches.
- FPRC also provides a wide array of services including career opportunities, intervention, housing assistance, financial education, family nutrition, household maintenance, good tenancy, parenting class, and stabilization.
- A new program installed called 'Ready Day One' is a job program focused on hygiene, laundry services, interviewing skills and resume writing.
- According to data gathered by FPRC, there are approximately 450 homeless children in Roane County.
- To donate or volunteer, visit roanefamilypromise.org.

Ashley Freeberg gave an update on Prevention Day on the Hill on February 7. Five students, one from each middle school, were taken to Capitol Hill in Nashville to meet with legislators and learn about prevention efforts at the state level.

Nathan gave an update on Tennessee Quit Week (week of February 20). All P3 clubs were involved in 1-800-Quit-Now. Students made posters and advocated for their peers to quit using nicotine products.

The floor was opened to attendees for community updates:

-Laura Conner of the Roane County Health Department announced that they are receiving Naloxone kits and fentanyl test strips to distribute throughout the community.

The next coalition meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Our speaker will be Brooks Gaut, program specialist with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). The meeting will be held in person at the coalition office (151 E Race St., Kingston). A Zoom link will also be made available prior to the meeting.