



# Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC) Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023

**Members/Guests Present: Nathan Wray (Prevention Coordinator), Ben Briley (Volunteer Coordinator), Ashley Freeberg (Prevention Coordinator), Sarah Harrison (Executive Director), Daniella Stewart, Sydney Jernigan, Laura Buckingham, McKayla Gallaher, Beth Sams, Gary Bickford, Suzanne Horsfall, Bo Lewis, Jessica Woodell, Sherry Samples, Leonora Spangler, Sarah Harrison, Michael Barber, Catherine Brunson, Sandy Leavell (zoom), Terry Stevens (zoom), Chasity Lowery (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, Brooks Gaut, program specialist for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) – East Tennessee region.

-April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Visit [madd.org](http://madd.org) for more information.

-MADD specifically advocates against the act of driving under the influence, not the act of legal age adults consuming alcohol.

-MADD has saved 400,000 lives from awareness raised and reduced drunk driving related incidents by 50% since its founding (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).

-Impaired driving incidents are responsible for 338,000 injuries per year. 43.6% of fatalities in these incidents tested positive for being under an influence. In 2020, 11,654 people lost their life in an impaired driving accident. Every year, an average of 4,300 people killed in impaired driving incidents are under the age of 21. Thirty-seven people a day are killed in impaired driving incidents.

-MADD advocated to US Department of Transportation for all new vehicles manufactured after 2026 to be equipped with DUI prevention technology.

-Some services offered by MADD include:

- court monitoring
- underage prevention programs
- impaired driving victim services
- 24/7 victim help line (1-877-MADD-HELP)
- volunteer opportunities
- Walk Like MADD, a 5K event in Nashville on September 30, 2023.
- Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner

Ben Briley gave an update on our visit from AmeriCorps CEO, Michael D Smith, on April 4. CEO Smith and staff organized a round-table discussion with RCADC volunteers and discussed substance misuse, veterans' services and prevention education in our local school system.

Ben reminded members that the DEA's National Prescription Take Back Day will be held on April 22 from 10am until 2pm. We will have sites at Walgreen in Harriman and Kingston City Hall.

Ashley Freeberg gave an update on the upcoming Prom Promise and end of school year activities. Planning has also begun for juvenile CAMP, which will be held between June 5-July 20 over a six-week period.

Nathan reported that April 26 is Drug Endangered Children Awareness Day. We will have yard signs at each of the schools as well as a large banner at the Kingston Community Center.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 3, 2023, at 12pm at the RCADC office (151 E Race St., Kingston). A Zoom link will be made available prior to the meeting for those who are unable to attend in person. Our speaker will be Trooper Clint McKissack of the Tennessee Highway Patrol.