



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)
September 1, 2021**

Members/Guests Present: Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Ashley Freeberg, Elizabeth Ivey, Talisa Helton, Misty Peddicord, Sonya Hornbuckle, Gary Bickford, Hannah Samawi, Scherry Snow, Tara Whitmire, Jill Murphy, LaDonna Booker, Robert Woody, Allen Lutz, Dr. Terry Stevens, Anne Pirtle, Liz Higbie, Leonora Spangler, Charles Stallings, Catherine Brunson, Patsy Dockery, Laura Conner, Jolene Cook, Brad Goss, Amanda Daugherty, Ciara Ferrell, Sonya Gibson, Jennifer Longmire, Shawn Scalf, Sonya Hornbuckle

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our September coalition meeting was held via Zoom.

Nathan Wray, Prevention Coordinator, presented on the Makin' It Work program that he and Lt. Maretta McNichol conducted for 8 female inmates at the Roane County Jail. This program was made possible by the correctional careers pathway funding from East Tennessee State University (ETSU) and the Appalachian Regional Commission. The course was offered over three days, took nearly 40 hours to complete, and is a 10-lesson training program designed to help offenders in transition from corrections to the community. The program helps participants understand how their own attitudes and perceptions have justified illegal actions in the past and allows them to gain new insights into employer expectations in the workplace. It teaches them how to shift their outlooks to be more successful on the job, and improves interpersonal skills needed to manage difficult workplace situations. Nathan introduced one of the graduates from the program and she advised that she obtained employment within 24 hours after being released from jail by providing her employer with her certificate.

The meeting closed with updates from our community partners. The updates are listed below.

The Roane County United Way is having their Pup A Palooza on Saturday, September 11th from 10am-3pm at the Roane State Community College Expo Center.

Michael Yates with Ridgeview Behavioral Health provided a flyer on their Oak Ridge Fall Classic BOOtacular 5K which will take place on Saturday, October 30th at 9am.

LaDonna Booker with Village Behavioral Health stated that they have beds for adolescents ages 13-17. Village Behavioral Health provides residential treatment to teenagers who are struggling with substance use disorder and mental health.

Catherine Brunson with ASAP of Anderson created a QR code which can be used to register for virtual Narcan trainings to help prevent an overdose. September is National Recovery Month and yesterday was Overdose Awareness Day. National Recovery Month promotes new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members who make recovery possible. Overdose Awareness Day is a campaign to end overdose, remember those who have died, and acknowledge the grief of the family and friends left behind.

Our next coalition meeting will be Wednesday, October 6th at 12pm via Zoom. Our presenter will be Sarah McKinnis with WillowBend Farms. Sarah will present on human trafficking.