

**Partnership for Drug-Free Communities Minutes**  
**September 28, 2018**  
**10:00-11:30 a.m. Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL**

Caroline Reynolds began the meeting with a welcome to all and asked for brief introductions from participants. Caroline thanked everyone for completing the letters of commitment and asked new attendees to complete one as well. There were 53 people in attendance.

**Work Group Announcements**

**Education and Prevention- Kristin Grant** provided the update for the group.

- Working on creating an informational piece for seniors about opiates following the recent survey indicating a need for information for seniors;
- Collaborating with the Treatment and Recovery workgroup to disseminate the resource flyers and posters to organizations in the communities in Madison County.
- **The next meeting will be following the October 24 Partnership meeting.**

**Treatment and Recovery Supports- Chelsea Boyles** provided the update for the group.

- There are posters with resource tear offs available today if you have a location or locations to disseminate them. The focus is on the rural areas where people need resources and may be fearful to ask for assistance. If you are able to assist with dissemination of the posters, please contact Chelsea at [treatmentandrecoveryworkgroup@gmail.com](mailto:treatmentandrecoveryworkgroup@gmail.com)
- Brochures are also available with the same information to be disseminated in locations which may not be appropriate for a poster.

**The next meeting is October 9 at noon at Chestnut, Maryville location.** Join us and bring your lunch.

**Law Enforcement- Tom Gibbons** provided the update for the group.

- Fentanyl risk for providers and police continues to be an ongoing conversation. Tom thanked the Granite City PD for their policy to protect their department. He indicated they were a leader in the area for implementing the policy.
- If anyone has any information for police, please contact the Madison County Tip line at 618-296-3000. The information will be shared with the appropriate law enforcement organization.
- The group is open to anyone with the exception of a short time frame at the end of the meeting which is for sworn law enforcement only.
- **The next meeting is October 17 at noon at Madison County States Attorney's office over lunch. Contact Tayleur at [tablaylock@co.madison.il.us](mailto:tablaylock@co.madison.il.us) for information. The November meeting will be November 19 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.**

**Current Business:**

- Stats update on overdose deaths in St. Clair and Madison Counties from **Karen Tilashalski** in collaboration with the Coroner's offices in both St. Clair and Madison. See attached documents for details.
  - The counties track overdose deaths in different ways: Madison County uses the location of the overdose before transporting to the hospital and St. Clair County uses the location of the death which often is a hospital.

- Madison data is January through September 16, 2018 with the following overdose deaths: 25 fentanyl, 11 fentanyl plus heroin, 9 fentanyl plus methamphetamine and 3 heroin. Plus 26 other substances or combinations.
- St. Clair data is January through August, 2018 with the following overdose deaths: 4 fentanyl, 3 methamphetamine. Plus 20 from other substances or combinations.
- DEA update provided by Chris Hoell. Chris explained currently how the process for getting information about people selling drugs uses confidential informants. A question was posed to the group about how best to help the people who are providing the information to law enforcement; is it possible to offer them treatment instead of cash? If so, how much would treatment cost?
  - Any ideas about this please contact Chris Hoell with the US Attorney's Office.
- Website overview and rollout to the Partnership provided by Chris Hoell. He acknowledged the 18 months plus of work by many Partnership organizations to get the information for the website. Chris went through the workgroup tabs and showed part of a video as well as highlighted the treatment finder. The website is [partnershipdrugfree.org](http://partnershipdrugfree.org)

**Press conference:**

KMOV and Alton Telegraph were represented at the press conference.

**Announcements and Other updates-**

**Donna Nahlik** announced a new grant awarded to Chestnut Health Systems which is focused on recovery oriented systems of care. She will be working on putting together a council to assist with changing the system.

**Next Meeting:**

**Wednesday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL.**

If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know. Denise Strehlow at [denise.strehlow@bjc.org](mailto:denise.strehlow@bjc.org) or 314-580-3767.