



June 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes
10:00-11:30 a.m. Anderson Hospital, Maryville, IL

Janice Rushing, Vice Chair, began the meeting with a welcome to all and asked for brief introductions from participants. There were 49 people in attendance.

Current Business:

- Tom Gibbons provided an update on the 501 (c) 3 process. The work group is one third of the way through the paperwork. If you are interested and available to assist with this process, please let a member of the Executive Committee know at partnershipdrugfreecommunities@gmail.org
- The Executive Committee welcomes two open at large members: Julie Swanston and Angela Roberts.
- Karen shared that Chestnut has Narcan available and people are needed to disseminate and train community members. If you know anyone who might be interested, please contact Karen at ktilashalski@chestnut.org. Karen provided a handout about Narcan Training, Administration and Distribution Summary.
- Toni Randall read her Facebook post about her son, Elijah who passed away in May 2019. The post is a reminder about the importance of the people in our communities who are living with addiction.

Guest speaker:

- Judge Kyle Anne Knapp, Madison County Drug Court provided an overview of Drug Court.
 - Madison County Drug Court started in 1996 and was the first one in Illinois.
 - 31,000 drug courts are in existence today across the United States and 136,000 people are part of the drug courts annually
 - Madison County also has Veterans Court and Mental Health Court
 - Drug Court cost the County \$4000.00 per person and prison costs the State of Illinois \$22,000 per year.
 - Client must voluntarily accept Drug Court with all of the guidelines in place; clients must meet all required milestones to move through each of the five phases which takes 14 months to complete; Tuesday and Thursday are Drug Court days with 75 people currently in Drug Court; each person is assessed for the most appropriate path of treatment
 - Graduation is held two times per year; average of five babies are born every year; 98% complete Drug Court with GED or high school degree; 85% of clients participate in medically assisted treatment; 100% of clients graduate with a job
 - Homelessness is a problem for people in Drug Court; a halfway house would be a great help to clients.

Updates:

- Education and Prevention Work Group: The work group will be meeting after the Partnership meeting. Kristin provided handouts on opiates and other drugs.
- All Work Group contacts are on the agenda.



Announcements:

- BJC School Outreach and Youth Development is hosting the Second School Nurse Survival conference on August 2 at St. Clair County Regional Office of Education. For more information or to register go to bjcschooloutreach.org
- September 7- Amare is hosting Rockin' for Recovery to celebrate the 30th year of National Recovery Month. For information contact Ty Bechel at tandrewbech@gmail.com or call 618-780-4843 or visit www.facebook.com/amarenfp.com.
- Julie attended a panel of ER physicians and ER nurses who live with addiction.
- August 8th is the DEA awareness event at the Gateway Grizzley's game; it was rained out on May 29
- Chelsea provided information about two events- flyers attached.

Reminders

- Due to the holidays, November and December meetings will be combined and held on Thursday, December 5.
- **Next Meeting:**
Wednesday, July 24th, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, IL. The guest speaker will be Mike Conrad, Deputy Director, Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwest Illinois (MEGSI). He will discuss Local Drug Trends.

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