



July 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
10:00-11:30 a.m. Anderson Hospital, Maryville, IL

Jessica, Chair, began the meeting with a welcome to all and asked for brief introductions from participants. There were 34 people in attendance.

Current Business:

- Amy Yaegar provided an update on the 501 (c) 3 process. Tom Gibbons continues to work through the paperwork; he has secured a post office box in Maryville. If you are interested and available to assist with this process, please let a member of the Executive Committee know at partnershipdrugfreecommunities@gmail.org
- 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 ktilshalski@chestnut.org. Karen provided a handout about Narcan Training, Administration and Distribution Summary. Prior to the August 28 Partnership meeting, Karen will do a training for Narcan 9:00-9:45; anyone is welcome to attend.
- New features coming soon on the website based on input from Riverbender.

Guest speaker:

- Mike Conrad with MEGSI provided an overview of Drug Trends in the Region; mike.conrad@illinois.gov or cell 618-223-0049 (Please call for a presentation to any age.)
 - MEGSI's role is to provide education and undercover narcotics enforcement.
 - All law enforcement in Illinois is seeing a lot of Marijuana.
 - Meth labs are decreasing because the components to make it are too difficult to get and it's too challenging to make.
 - Crystal Meth made in Mexican warehouse is pure and clean; cheaper and the dealers make a lot of money.
 - Most of the Heroin we see now has Fentanyl in it.
 - First drug used is marijuana with onset of use at 14-17 years old (500 cases /interviews throughout Mike's career)
 - In Colorado's first year of legal marijuana, traffic deaths increased among all age drivers.
 - Marijuana ingestion by children increased from 2 in 2009 to 16 in 2014 in Colorado
 - Youth are buying weed in bags and making a wax to use in e-cigarette devices
 - Main difference between CBD and THC is the CBD does not have a high while THC does.

Announcements:

- Chestnut has a grant working with youth whose parents or caregiver has a substance use issue. Flyer attached.
- Marilyn Green with Illinois Department of Public Health reminded the group that it is back to school time and immunizations are important
- Mental Health First Aid is available; a Youth Mental Health First Aid coming soon.



- 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.
- MetroEast Recovery Council training on August 16; Flyer attached.

Reminders

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, August 28, 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 or 314-580-3767.