

# DRUG-FREE ASHLEY COUNTY COALITION

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

### INTENDED OUTCOMES OF MEETING:

*Share status of community connections/meetings, upcoming events and build knowledge/capability.*

### AGENDA ITEMS:

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:** D-FAC Coalition Website: <https://www.drugfreeac.org>

**NOTE:** PLEASE communicate with Arlyn Richards [Arlyn.b.richards@gmail.com] about any updates, upcoming events, etc. for coalition to keep Website interesting and informative

Meeting of the DRUG-FREE ASHLEY COUNTY COALITION called to order at 4:05 PM. on May 9, 2023, at UAM-CTC in-person and via Zoom by Janie Carter.

| PRESENT IN PERSON |                               | ZOOM CONNECTION   |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Shelley Carter    | medtech88@yahoo.com           | Debra Barnes, Crossett School Board                             |
| Janie Carter      | Carterdfc@gmail.com           | Hailey Bridges, Options, Inc.                                   |
| Sherri Hendrix    | Sherri.hendrix@windstream.net | Barron Griffin, ACMC, Director Social Services                  |
| Cathie Hillier    | cjhillie@gmail.com            | Chief Johnny Oliver, Hamburg Police Dept                        |
| India Holt        | holtfive2gmail.com            | Linda Rushing, Vice Chancellor, UAMCTC                          |
| Kelley Howie,     | Kelhow996@outlook.com         | Paige Shelton, Century Next Bank                                |
| Dennis Maxwell    | Qlite@arkansas.net            | Eric Shoffner, Gammel's Pharmacy                                |
| Brother Mike Neal | Mikeneal57@yahoo.com          | Prostell Thomas, Crossett Parent & Business Owner               |
| Rachel Richard    | Rrichardson529@gmail.com      | Natasha Ward, Century Next Bank                                 |
| Arlyn Richards    | Arlyn.b.richards@gmail.com    | Dr. Alisa White, UAM-CTC  |
| Lisa Riels        | rielsdfc@gmail.com            | Sharron Mims, AR Drug Director's Office, Coalitions Coordinator |
| Tracy Streeter    | tstreeter@hdsdlions.org       |   |
| Mary Vaughn       | mvaughn@phoenixyouth.com      |   |
| Elizabeth White   | Whitedfc1@gmail.com           |   |

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or additions, minutes from the April 11, 2023, meeting were approved as written, with Elizabeth White initiating the motion and Cathie Hillier following with a second. The motion carried.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS:

Guest Speaker: **AJ KEMP, EL DORADO** –will be rescheduled to speak at a later date. Janie Carter shared a brief background: Introduced through Robert Holt., A.J. Kemp is pursuing her master's degree in Clinical Mental Behavior at SAU, Share Foundation volunteer working with Extreme Youth Groups, 8-years' experience as Program Director Boys & Girls Club and several other community coalitions and commissions. Starting a new community group to build relationships and discourage violence in gated communities with main tool Community Gardens as their project.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

**ACTIVE:** N=1 - Kelley Howie  
**SUPPORTING** N=5 - Claudia Freeman, Courtney Peterson, Debra Cooke, Natasha Ward, Tempestt Paige Shelton  
**EXTENDED:** N=3 - Angela Johnston, India Holt, Paul Schwartz

### REPORTS/EVENTS:

#### In Kind Contributions<sup>2</sup>:

Year to date May 9, 2023, in-kind contributions are \$129,256. were reported by Cathie Hillier.

**NOTE:** This TOTAL does not include totals from Mock Accident Demonstration for High School Proms at Hamburg & Crossett or NARCAN instruction.

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### REPORT ON APRIL/MAY EVENTS:

#### HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:



April 20, 2023

First Responders presented re-enactment – “WHAT COULD HAPPEN” in an accident – Prom awareness. Coalition members distributed Drug/Alcohol Free promotional wrist bands.

April 21, 2023.

Prom

May 26, 2023.

Graduation [upcoming]



April 21, 2023

CHS Career Fair, D-FAC had an informational table  
Football Field Parking Lot – Crossett – First Responders, SRO Robert Black, and Medder’s Funeral Home presented a fatal vehicular accident to warn students of the dangers of distracted driving, Coalition members distributed wrist bands and urged teens to make good choices.

May 5, 2023

Prom

May 6, 2023

Graduation [upcoming]

May 19, 2023

April 18 & 25, 2023

NARCAN Training - Century Next Bank

April 22, 2023

Drug Take Back: 10:00am - 2:00pm.: Gammel’s Pharmacy [Crossett] & Hamburg Police Departments – Collection Sites

April 22, 2023

**DARE Graduation** – Officer Robert Black’s class for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders.

April 24, 2023

NARCAN Training – D-FAC Coalition Members

April 26, 2023

**NOTE:** Beginning to generate numerous applications – industry, airlines, fieldtrips, etc.

*Planning* session for informational meeting with Law enforcement to discuss what youth are saying i.e., trust/disconnect

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

TBD

Review/discussion of Robert Holt’s Community Focus Groups report & determine date to share information with Coalition members.

June 15, 2023

**Mary Vaughn, Regional Prevention Representative** Phoenix Youth & Family Services – **COMMUNITIES THAT CARE** – Raising the Bar on Prevention Conference Crossett Economic Development. David Gomez, Guest Speaker, register online: <https://www.phoenixyouth.com/regional-prevention-provider>

June 19, 2023

**Shenna Cooks [870 500-3884 [shennacooksz@yahoo.com](mailto:shennacooksz@yahoo.com) or [GoFundMe@A.C.U.W.L.D](https://www.gofundme.com/c/A.C.U.W.L.D)** Juneteenth and Beyond.]: **Ashley County United With Love & Diversity:** First annual **JUNETEENTH BACKYARD BASH** – County-wide celebration with family backyard atmosphere – games for all ages, healthcare screenings, representatives from NAACP and much more.

June 23, 2023

Law Enforcement & judicial members APPRECIATION LUNCH [*a time of reflection*] – Location TBD [*potentially Mercy Ministries Group*] – Janie Carter will distribute youth survey to membership

July 10-11, 2023



**Youth Marijuana Prevention: Johnny’s Ambassadors Conference**

[2023 Johnny’s Ambassadors Youth Marijuana Prevention Conference \(onecause.com\)](https://www.onecause.com)

Robert Holt L.O.V.E. organization volunteered to pay registration for on-line live stream attendance.

### DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS:

1. D-FAC Coalition Coordinators [Elizabeth & Lisa] discussing/planning:
  - a. *SOCIAL HOSTING CAMPAIGN* for Graduates – Information for Parents, Graduates, & educators.
  - b. Working with schools on developing curriculum for middle & high schools and sharing resources.
2. Informational links:
  - a. [National Fentanyl Awareness Day | May 9th](#) Raising awareness
  - b. [Fentanyl Quiz | Just Think Twice](#)
  - c. Drug Take Back Collection information and “Dashboard”: [www.ARTAKEBACK.org](http://www.ARTAKEBACK.org)
  - d. [Hamburg, Crossett](#) & Wilmot – police stations need to be added to our Website: [www.drugfreeAC.org](http://www.drugfreeAC.org)
  - e. From the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Team at World Health Organization: [Training manual for surveillance of suicide and self-harm in communities via key informants \(who.int\)](#)
3. The D-FAC Coalition needs to select a virtual platform for future meetings – decision for officers & leaders to make a recommendation. Current options researched by Arlyn Richards are Zoom, MS Teams & Google Meet – Coalition Officers & Leaders will decide based on ease of use and cost.
4. Information shared by Eric Shoffner: NARCAN – [ANYONE](#) in Arkansas can get NARCAN replacement from pharmacist - no cost without Rx.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** [Tuesday June 13, 4:30 – 6:30 PM at UAM College of Technology-Crossett](#)

**NOTE:** ***This time has been reserved for a training session for Sector Leaders & Officers***  
*[other members of Coalition are welcome to attend]*

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned [Shelley Carter/Eric Shoffner] 5:10 p.m. Minutes submitted by: Cathie Hillier

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#### 1 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

**ACTIVE:** Must be a resident of or employed in Ashley County, Arkansas, attend a minimum of six [6] monthly meetings and be actively involved in the work of the Coalition. Active members have voting rights that can be revoked if attendance falls below the required threshold.

**SUPPORTING:** May not be able to attend all meetings regularly but is familiar with the work of the Coalition, supports prevention efforts and has a vested personal or professional interest in the community. Supporting members have no voting rights; however, if their meeting attendance reaches a total of three [3], they have one vote.

**EXTENDED:** Not necessarily aware of the day-to-day work of the Coalition but is an individual or community leader who may be contacted occasionally regarding specific prevention issues and or specific tasks.

- 2 Our 5-year grant has the possibility of being extended to a maximum of ten years. The match for the first six years is at 100%. One thing that is very important is attendance. Anyone who attends meetings, in person or virtually will contribute to the match at more than \$23 per hour - a resource considered a fair amount per hour for public volunteerism in Arkansas. Every volunteer event, everyone in attendance, including youth and volunteers, is a “good in-kind match”.