

DRUG-FREE ASHLEY COUNTY COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

INTENDED OUTCOMES OF MEETING:

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

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

The meeting of the DRUG-FREE ASHLEY COUNTY COALITION called to order at 4:01 PM. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at UAM-CTC in-person and ZOOM by Eric Shoffner, Chairperson.

IN PERSON		ZOOM
Janie Carter	Christi Carter	Linda Rushing
Arlyn Richards	Harry Hillier	Tracy Streeter
Asher Johnson	Cathie Hillier	Carolyn Harris
Ryker Johnson	Jennifer Johnson	Bridgett Jones
Olivia Gentry	Gina Morgan	Allyson Carter
Brenda Sedberry	Mike Neal	
Officer Robert Black	Walter Mingole-Kayesse (Guest)	
River Morris	Judah Morris	
Tank Morris	Amanda Morris	
Lachandra Williams	Kristi Stocker	
Martha Davidson	Ethan Davidson	
Eric Shoffner	Jayla Jackson	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or additions, minutes from the March 12, 2024, meeting were approved as written, with Cathie Hillier initiating the motion and Arlyn Richards following with a second. The motion carried.

REPORTS/EVENTS:

DELTA UPDATE: Carolyn Harris, Executive Director Heart2Heart Connections/Mayor reported that she and her coalition members participated in Drug TakeBack Day on April 27. Ten members of the D.A.A.Y. Youth Coalition met on Wednesday, April 24. Between their meeting and the Saturday TakeBack Day, youth members went into the community delivering flyers, explaining the importance of unused or expired medication that often are misused, which can lead to overdose, and even death. They encouraged community members to turn in their unused medications for safe disposal.



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:

April 18: Pre-prom assembly for Crossett 11 and 12th grades

May 6: Attended Crossett High School guest speaker, Kari Clay, who lost her daughter to Fentanyl poisoning. She has established a non-profit organization called Fentanyl Information X-plained (FIX) Arkansas – www.fix-ar.org

- Lisa and Liz had Student Leadership Group meetings for both districts
- Lisa Riles & Elizabeth White expressed appreciation to the Student Prevention Leadership individuals and recognized the graduating seniors from both Hamburg and Crossett.

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- Janie Carter presented Ethan Davidson (HHS Senior) and Jayla Jackson (CHS Senior) a Bible from Ashley County Baptist Association and a card and gift cards from the Coalition. Payton Pennington (HHS Senior) was out of town but was also recognized.
- Lisa and Liz are participating in Laura Stack's (Johnny's Ambassadors) Program called TAG Team where teens will share the possible harms of youth THC use (vaping, dabbing, edibles, and smoking) with other teens.

APRIL/MAY COMMUNITY EVENTS:

April 17: Mental Health First Aid Training

April 27: Drug Take Back at Gammel's Pharmacy, Hamburg Police Station & Wilmot Community Center

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 16: Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

May 25: Fun Day in Wilmot

May 29-June 1, 2024: Crossett Rodeo

DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS:

1. **FENTANYL AWARENESS PRESENTATION:** May 7th was National Fentanyl Awareness Day: Mike Neal played a video called ***Fentapills-You Need to Know*** (youtube). He led discussion on the dangers of making a fatal mistake and how Fentanyl is an unforgiving choice.
2. **SECTOR LEADERS:** *Each sector was encouraged to identify the month they would be interested in leading conversation for their sector to present to the coalition membership. Mandy Morris volunteered to lead the July meeting.*

COALITION SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE	2024 PRESENTATION
Youth	Rachel Richardson	
Parents	Mandy Morris	July 9
Law Enforcement	Officer Robert Black	February 13
Schools	Tracy Streeter	
Businesses	Kristi Stocker	
Media	Dennis Maxwell	
Youth-Serving Organizations	Roshunda Davis Johnson	
Faith-Based Organization	Ronnie Donaldson	June 11 & December 10
Civic & Volunteer Groups	Sherri Maxwell Hendrix	
Healthcare Professionals	Eric Shoffner	January 8; April 9 (Vaping) October 8
State, local & tribal agencies	Sharron Mims	
Treatment	Barron Griffin	

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 11 at 4:00 PM at UAM College of Technology-Crossett

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 5:01 p.m. and minutes submitted by: Christi Carter