

DRUG-FREE ASHLEY COUNTY COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 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 was called to order at 4:05 PM. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at UAM-CTC in-person and on ZOOM by Eric Shoffner, Chairperson.

IN PERSON		ZOOM
Janie Carter	Christi Carter	Robert Holt
Katie Hernandez	Harry Hillier	Bridgett Jones
Asher Johnson	Rayce Johnson	India Holt
Ryker Johnson	Jennifer Johnson	Vivian Guimbellot
Lisa Riels	Gina Morgan	Latreasa Franklin
Brenda Sedberry	Mike Neal	Julie Roberson
Terri Rogers	Ronnie Donaldson	Giyermina Mondragon
Allyson Carter	Alisa White	Roshunda Johnson
Holli King	Kymya Jenkins	Barron Griffin
Lachandra Williams	Fredreunna Scott	
Kyra Jones	April Turner	
Eric Shoffner	Ephraim Johnson	
Daniel Shelton	Carolyn Harris	
Evelyn Woods	Linda Rushing	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or additions, minutes from the May 14, 2024, meeting were approved as written, with Gina Morgan initiating the motion and Liz White following with a second. The motion carried.

REPORTS/EVENTS:

DELTA UPDATE: Carolyn Harris, Executive Director Heart2Heart Connections/Mayor of Wilmot and her assistant, Evelyn Woods, introduced themselves to the group and talked about their Drugs And Alcohol Free (D.A.A.F.) Youth Coalition with 10-15 members who meet bi-monthly and engage in drug-free events and community projects. The non-profit Heart2Heart Connections After School Program has ended for this year. They explained that due to the revamped and extended Hamburg School District school year schedule, the summer program will be held from June 17 through July 12. Heart2Heart is partnering with Phoenix Youth and Family Services to host an Arts in the Park event on July 2nd with music, art, poetry, and prevention education.

Mr. Robert Holt, Executive Director of the Healing Waters Ministry Outreach Program in Shannon Hills, asked Mayor Harris and Ms. Woods to get his contact information and send him a list of items needed in their communities.



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:

- Lisa Riels and Elizabeth White held Student Leadership Group meetings for both districts and are making plans for working with the Curriculum Teacher Teams during the summer break

JUNE COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- June 8 Hamburg Juneteenth Banquet, Hamburg Middle School Cafetorium

UPCOMING JUNE/JULY EVENTS:

- June 14 Hamburg Memorial Walk (Linda Hill & Juneteenth Celebration)
- June 15 Pine Street Parade and Celebration in Pine Street Park, Hamburg

- June 19 Crossett Juneteenth Kickoff, Youth Center Tour, MLK Drive
- June 21 Music & Food Trucks, MLK Drive, Crossett
- June 22 Family Fun, Youth Center Playground, MLK Drive, Crossett
- July 2 Wilmot - Arts in the Park (music, arts, poetry, prevention) H2H & Phoenix Youth & Family Services
- July 5 11 am to 2 pm Career Day Event, Gates Chapel AME Church, Crossett
- July 6 8 am to 11 am Career Day Event, Gates Chapel AME Church, Crossett

DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS:

- 1. UNDERSTANDING PRENATAL DRUG EXPOSURE and FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME PRESENTATION:** Dr. Alisa White, UAM-CTC Early Childhood instructor, gave a presentation on how a mother’s drug and/or alcohol exposure hurts her unborn baby. The physical, emotional, cognitive, social, and behavioral problems from prenatal drug and/or alcohol exposure can continue into childhood and beyond! Dr. White demonstrated the physical characteristics of a baby born with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) with a life-like infant manikin manufactured by Realityworks™.



The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Baby shows the potential physical effects of prenatal alcohol use.

[About Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders \(FASDs\) | Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders | CDC](#)

Dr. White used a RealCare™ Drug-Affected Baby manikin with a realistic, distressing cry, tremors, and muscle spasms to demonstrate an infant born in withdrawal from a prenatal drug addiction.

[Treat and Manage Infants Affected by Prenatal Opioid Exposure | Opioid Use During Pregnancy | CDC](#)

Dr. White’s Early Childhood Education class for Teaching Children with Special Needs attended the D-FAC meeting as guests.

- 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. Ronnie Donaldson volunteered to lead the July meeting.

COALITION SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE	2024 PRESENTATION
Youth	Rachel Richardson	
Parents	Mandy Morris	
Law Enforcement	Officer Robert Black	February 13
Education	Tracy Streater	June 11 (Dr. Alisa White)
Businesses	Kristi Stocker	
Media	Dennis Maxwell	
Youth-Serving Organizations	Roshunda Davis Johnson	
Faith-Based Organization	Ronnie Donaldson	July 9 & 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, July 9 at 4:00 PM at UAM College of Technology-Crossett

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 5:05 p.m. and minutes submitted by: Christi Carter