

DRUG-FREE ASHLEY COUNTY COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 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, July 9, 2024, at UAM-CTC in person and on ZOOM by Eric Shoffner, Chairman.

IN PERSON		ZOOM
Ronnie Donaldson	Christi Carter	Allyson Carter
Jessica Lingo (visitor)	Dennis Maxwell	Linda Rushing
Gina Morgan	Arlyn Richards	Lachandra Williams
Daniel Shelton	Eric Shoffner	Giyermina Mondragon
Harry Hillier	Ephraim Johnson	Teresa Tolliver
Liz White	Lisa Riels	Wilmot Mayor Carolyn Harris
Kristi Stocker	Janie Carter	
Mike Neal		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Hearing no corrections or additions, minutes from the June 11, 2024, meeting were approved as written, with Daniel Shelton initiating the motion and Ronnie Donaldson following with a second. The motion carried.

REPORTS/EVENTS:

DELTA UPDATE: Carolyn Harris, Executive Director Heart2Heart Connections/Mayor of Wilmot talked about their Arts in the Park Event that was partnered with Phoenix Youth and Family Services, Inc., and Summer Camp. Mr. Robert Holt with the Healing Waters Outreach Ministry in Shannon Hills brought supplies to the Heart2Heart Connections Summer Camp including water and breakfast cereal. She expressed sincere appreciation for the contributions and said she was capturing pictures for the Facebook accounts. Mayor Harris and Ms. Evelyn Woods will conduct Naloxone training in Montrose on July 20, from 10-11:30 a.m.



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS:

- Lisa Riels and Elizabeth White reported that they have met with the two curriculum teams to confirm expectations and plans for next year. The teachers discussed changes, tweaks, and further plans. The unit on underage drinking will be moved to the nine weeks coinciding with prom activities, and the Marijuana/Vaping unit will be moved to the first fall nine weeks. There have been some changes in the consultants for Crossett School District due to workloads, etc. The current consultants are the following: Hamburg Middle School-Kelley Allison; Hamburg High School-Jessica Griffith; Crossett Middle School-Kacy Jo Gill; Crossett High School-Coach Richard Griffith. Riels and White commended the teacher curriculum teams for great work during the school year and summer.
- Lisa will be meeting and working with Hamburg administrators and assisting with the start of the school year. She noted that the drug-free curriculum lessons will begin the second or third week of school.
- Elizabeth has met with Crossett Superintendent Boykin, Principal Adams, and the new high school principal, Bryce Harrison, to confirm dates for the Youth Leadership Group meetings and the curriculum dissemination. There was some thought about designating an office space on one of the campuses for Mrs. White.

JULY COMMUNITY EVENTS COMPLETED:

- 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

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UPCOMING JULY/AUGUST EVENTS:

- ~~July 27~~ Community Block Party at Gates Chapel AME (**Rescheduled to August 3**)
- July 29 Hamburg first day of school
- Aug. 13 Crossett first day of school
- Aug. 17 Atwood's Fundraiser from 9-2

DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATIONS/SUGGESTIONS:

Faith-Based Sector Leader Ronnie Donaldson gave a presentation: He currently volunteers with Thread of Hope Addiction Ministry that meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at South Main Baptist Church in Crossett. He also volunteers for Ashley County Rescue Unit and is an auxiliary policeman. He worked in a prison ministry in Dermott for a year and a half and has done Christian mission work all over the world. One story he shared was about a woman now in successful recovery who has her children back and lives a healthy life in another state. He described how difficult it is for spouses and parents of individuals in addiction and how desperately they need support from caring people (like D-FAC Coalition members). He told us about an inspirational man he works with who was addicted to methamphetamine for 14 years and ended up losing a leg due to his drug use. That man is now instrumental in helping others break free from addiction.

Note that we have some new* Sector Leaders for Youth, Businesses, Healthcare Professionals, and Treatment). We sincerely thank both former and current Sector Leaders and encourage others to step up for a chance to serve.

Presentation opportunities are open for September and November.

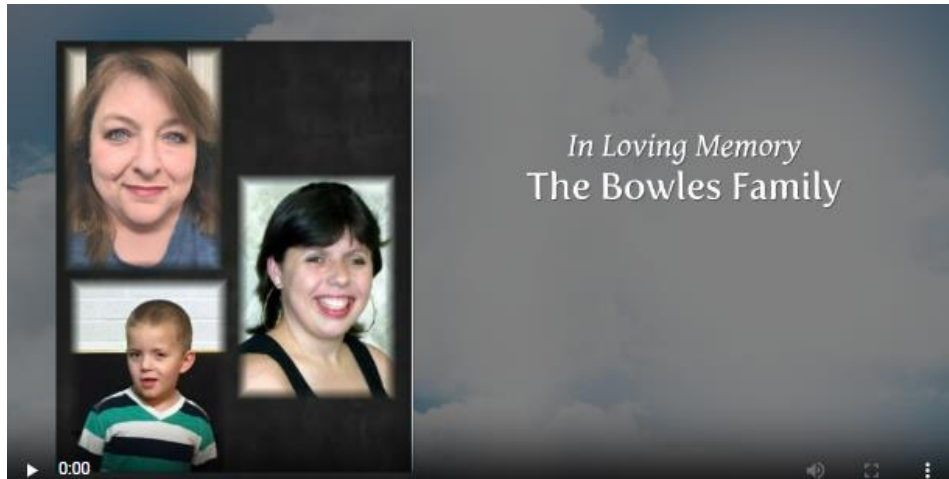
COALITION SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE	2024 PRESENTATION
Youth	*Olivia Gentry	
Parents	Mandy Morris	
Law Enforcement	HPD Chief Johnny Olliver	February 13 (Officer Robert Black)
Education	Tracy Streeter	June 11 (FAS & Drug Dependent Babies-Dr. Alisa White)
Businesses	*Kristi Stocker	April 9 (Vaping Shops Concern-Eric Shoffner) August 13 (Jessica Lingo-Windstream Community Advocate-personal story)
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	*Dr. Barron Griffin	January 8 (Eric Shoffner) October 8
State, local & tribal agencies with expertise in SUD	Sharron Mims AR Drug Director's Office	
Treatment	*Yolanda Johnson-Martin	May 14 (Fentanyl Awareness Day-Mike Neal)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED: Thank you card from the Bowles family (attached)

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 13th at 4:00 PM at UAM College of Technology-Crossett

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned 5:03 p.m. and minutes submitted by: Christi Carter

On April 3, 2024, Rene, Kristy, and Christopher Bowles lost their lives in a tragic automobile accident. Rene had joined the D-FAC Coalition only two months previously and was scheduled to make a presentation about the dangers of substance use from the perspective of a parent of children with special needs. Several D-FAC members attended and contributed toward the expenses of their joint funeral. Later we received a thank you card from one of Rene's sisters.

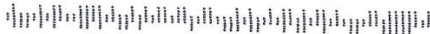


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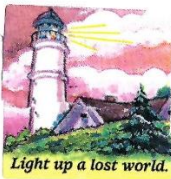
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*The family of
Jonita René Wiggins Bowles,
Kristy Pauline Bowles &
William Christopher Bowles
acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression
of sympathy*

Dear Friends,

*Thank you so much for your kind gift to honor Rene, Kristy, and Christopher. We are so grateful for your giving heart and prayers during this difficult season of loss. All of us appreciate your support and friendship with them. May God bless each of you. Sincerely,
Kirk & Kathy Brooks*