

MINUTES FOR JUNE MEETING OF THE DRUG FREE ASHLEY COUNTY
COALITION

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: MSGT Josh Adams, Jordan Bailey (1st time), Kaylee Box (1st time), Janie Carter, Officer Nicole Carter, Kacy Gill, Jessi Griffith, Vivian Buimbellot, Sherri Hendrix, Whitney Hickman (1st time), Hadley Hill (guest), Harry Hillier, Jennifer Johnson, Rayce Johnson, Ryker Johnson, Yolanda Johnson-Martin, Dennis Maxwell, Logan McKelvey (1st time), Mike Neal, Chief Johnny Oliver, Janette Ramirez (1st time), Lisa Riels, Officer Brad Stewart (1st time), Mayor David Streeter, Supt. Tracy Streeter, Angie Terrell (1st time), Liz White, Mary Ashley Woods (1st time), VIA ZOOM: Dr. Scott Bransford, Katie Hernandez, Brandi Reynolds (1st time), McKenzi Reynolds

Intended outcomes of this meeting:

To try new meeting time of noon on the second Tuesday of each month.

To bring the Coalition's mission to Hamburg.

To gather more members and volunteers.

Approval of May meeting minutes:

Liz White moved to approve the minutes from May 13th as written

Jennifer Johnson seconded the motion.

Minutes approved.

Announcements/Introductions:

Mike Neal

--opened the meeting by explaining the change of the meeting time from 4:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month to 12:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month. New meeting time hopefully accommodates members and potential members who have jobs.

--recognized online attendees.

Mike then introduced Janie Carter and gave her the floor for her report.

Report on what the Drug Free Ashley County Coalition does and how it operates:

Janie Carter

--explained how the Coalition formed

--described its responsibility to its founding grant,

--explained how the Coalition meets the \$125,000 matching grant through in-kind donations,

--listed when the grant expires (the Coalition is in the 4th year of the 5 year grant)

--included that the Coalition will reapply for it.

Janie then introduced Lisa Riels, Prevention Coordinator.

Report on Prevention:

Lisa Riels

--introduced herself as one of two Prevention Coordinators and named Liz White as the second Prevention Coordinator.

--explained what she and Liz do for teen prevention targeting 8th through 12 graders

--detailed the curriculum that includes assessment tests and

games.

Lisa then introduced Jessica Griffith who uses the curriculum with students.

Report on classroom use of curriculum:

Jessica Griffith

--walked attendees walked through a prevention lesson used in classrooms

--detailed the four units addressed each nine weeks as marijuana, prescription drugs, alcohol, and mental health

--presented pre and post test results from each unit for both Crossett and Hamburg School Districts

--detailed the impressive reponse from students to the curriculum

--explained how leadership groups formed as a direct result of in-class curriculum.

--included her belief that teachers are better prepared to address the potential overdose situations after receiving Naloxone training provided by he Coalition.

Mike took the meeting back over and went over the Coalition's partnership with the E.C. Crossett Youth Center where the Coalition has had at least one event and plans on others. He introduced the hope of expanding the community center to Hamburg. Mike adjourned the meeting.

Upcoming events:

NextGen Conference July 16th through 17th.

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Next Meeting Date: *The next meeting will be July 8th at 12 noon at the*

E.C. Crossett Youth Center, 300 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Crossett.
RSVP required for lunch.