

MINUTES FOR JULY MEETING OF THE DRUG FREE ASHLEY COUNTY
COALITION

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Riels, Sherri Hendrix, Merci Bonnett, Arlyn Richards, Janette Ramirez, Arnetta Pugh, Jordan Bailey, Whitley Hickman, Vivian Guimbellot, CPD Chief Clint Bradberry, CPD Investigator Kali Grier, CPD Officer Matt Brooks, CPD Officer Bailey Phippen, Mayor Crystal Marshall, Liz White, Jennifer Johnson, DeVonda Brown, Dr. Scott Bransford, Jazmine Tanksley, Kacy Gill, Dennis Maxwell, Linda Rushing, Roman Hebert, Daniel Shelton, Jr., Dr. Alisa White, Harry Hillier, Janie Carter, Tank Morris, Maddie Rameriz, Ale'yah Smith, Miracle Hodges, Tyiesha Johnson-Fletcher. VIA ZOOM: Brandi Renolds, Kaylee Box, Mike Neal

Intended outcomes of this meeting:

To recognize new members.

To inform the attendees of a targeted Anti-THC program run by and geared toward teens.

To hear from a local teen on why he chooses to be drug free.

Announcements/Introductions:

Sherri Maxwell called the meeting to order at noon and asked for approval of minutes.

Approval of May meeting minutes:

Linda Rushing made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes as written.

Lisa Riels seconded the motion.

Minutes approved.

Sherri recognized new members, first time attendees and Zoom attendees.

Sherri introduced Lisa Riels and Liz white, DFC Coordinator and gave them the floor.

Report on Johnny's Ambassadors and peer to peer THC training:

Liz White

--introduced Maddie Rameriz, Ale'yah Smith and Tank Morris of Johnny's Ambassadors Teen Ambassador Group (TAG) Team.

--The team explained Johnny's Ambassadors and peer to peer training about THC.

--Tank read his essay about why he chooses to be a Drug-Free Youth.

Janie concluded the meeting stating that the Ashley County TAG Teams are the only ones currently in Arkansas and encouraging the community members to learn more about Johnny's Ambassadors. Janie included the fact that the Ashley County TAG Team is working to help the Coalition bring the founder of Johnny's Ambassadors, Laura Stack, to speak to area youth and parents about the dangers of high-potency THC and the resultant Cannabis-Induced Psychosis while ultimately caused her 19 year old son's death by suicide.

Upcoming events:

NextGen Conference July 16th through 17th.

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Next Meeting Date: *The next meeting will be August 12th from 12 noon to 1 pm at the Hamburg School District Administration Building, 202 East Parker St., in Hamburg. RSVP is required for lunch.*