

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING OF THE DRUG FREE ASHLEY COUNTY
COALITION

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Riels, Liz White, Linda Rushing, Harry Hillier, Whitley Hickman, Jordan Bailey, Vivian Guimbellot, Chris Bynum (1st time attendee). Ephraim Johnson, Tania Bocher, Ivy Cason, Jake Martinie, James Hayes, Luke Martinie, Nicolas Mondragon, Gauge Pepper, Craig Fritz, Richard Griffith, Jennifer Johnson, Janie Carter, Mike Neal, Tony Jones. ZOOM ATTENDEES: Arnetta Pugh, O'Brennan Moss, Bridgette Jones, Brandi Reynolds, Terri Rogers, Allyson Carter and Arlyn Richards

Intended outcomes of this meeting:

- . Recognize September as Suicide Awareness Month & September 10, 2025 World Suicide Prevention Day
- . Recognize September as National Recovery Month: Reach out. Speak up. Be the Light.
- . Share status of community connections/meetings and upcoming events with Coalition members.
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Welcome and Introductions:

- . First-Time Visitors: Crossett Prevention Leadership Students, Tony Jones; others
- . New Members: Tony Jones, Chris Bynum, Kim Johns, Hamburg Middle School Nurse & New Curriculum Consultant; Jazmine Skender-Tanksley, Juvenile Intake Officer Ashley Co. Juvenile Drug Court
- . Zoom attendees recognized

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:

- . August 12, 2025 minutes
- . Liz White made motion to approve
- . Coalition members approved the minutes

Mike's report on the CDC:

- . CDC has approved the DFAC 3 Year Annual Report
- . CDC approved 4 Year Workplan and Budget
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Recent Conference/Community Events Information:

- . **D-FAC members attended the Hamburg Community Festival on Monday, September 1**
- . **Wiggins Cabin Festival will be Saturday, October 11. Volunteers needed to work D-FAC**

booth.

D-FAC Student Prevention Leadership Group will visit nursing homes for community service and distribute gifts--donations of socks and other appropriate items are needed. Monday, December 1 Johnny's Ambassadors Founder and CEO Laura Stack will hold student assemblies in Hamburg and Crossett to share information about the danger of frequent, high potency THC marijuana use. Public is welcome.

Leader announcements:

Parent Leader Jennifer Johnson appointed last month
School/Education Leader Nathan Sullivan appointed last month (Hamburg Superintendent)
Youth-Serving Organization Sector Leader still needs to be filled
Faith-Based Sector Leader still needs to be filled.

Program:

Lisa Riels and Liz White with information gathered at the CADCA Mid-Year Conference in July
Janie Carter with a summary of Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment (APNA) Survey for Ashley County 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders from Fall of 2024

The next meeting will be October 14th at noon in the Hamburg School District Administration Building