

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 14, 2025 MEETING OF THE DRUG FREE ASHLEY COUNTY
COALITION

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Daniel Shelton, Jr., Officer Brandon Kelley, Officer Nicole Carter, Chief Johnny Oliver, Whitley Hickman, Vivian Guimbellot, Brenda Sedberry, Clifford Hawkins, Arlyn Richards, Alisa White, Linda Rushing, Elizabeth White, Nathan Sullivan, Arnetta Pugh, Eric Shoffner, Lisa Riels, George Bussmann, Haley Chavis, Harry Hillier, Janie Carter, Mike Neal. **ZOOM ATTENDEES:** Giyermima Mondragon, Angie Terrell, Brandi Reynolds, McKenzi Reynolds, Scott Bransford

Intended outcomes of this meeting:

Recognize National Depression Education/Awareness Month and Sober October
Share status of community connections/meetings and upcoming events with Coalition members.

Welcome and Introductions:

First-Time Visitors: Cliff Hawkins, Haley Chavis

New members: Joseph Felsman (Secretary Kiwanis Club of Crossett, Civic/Volunteer Sector); Kimberly Lewis (RN Nurse Educator, UAMS, Healthcare Sector); Tracy Tucker (Vice Chancellor UAM-CTC, Education Sector); Eddy Tucker (HHS Principal, Education Sector)

Mike Neal Presentation:

Mike told his story of being affected by drug use of family member
Presentation included his thoughts on if his involvement in DFAC is effective.
Presentation included what DFAC members do at community events.

Recent Conferences/Community Events Information:

Mike urged Hamburg members to find a possible Hamburg location for after school center for kids.

Discussion on possible meeting times with a main question of "Is meeting at lunch the most convenient for the majority of the members".

Lisa Riels gave her opinion that noon meetings are good because students can come to them.

Janie explained to the group that DFACC has sectors and listed those sectors.

Discussion continued into best meeting time.

Liz White asked for community service ideas.

Attendees discussed several ideas for community service and community events. The idea with the largest response was a fishing tournament. It was mentioned that Ashley County 4H has rods and reels to use.

Discussion turned to October being Red Ribbon Month and ideas for ways different businesses in the community could support that.

Approval of Previous Month's Minutes:

Eric Shoffner made a motion to accept previous month's meeting minutes. Motion was seconded. Minutes were accepted.

The next meeting will be November 11th at noon at the E.C. Crossett Youth Center on MLK, Jr. Blvd.