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## **DRUG FREE ADAMS COUNTY MINUTES ~ June 26, 2019**

Present (including sectors): Pat Miller (Superior Court/Drug Court), Kelly Sickafoose (DFAC/Drug Court), Amy Covington (Brianna's Hope), Scott Nitza (McMillen Health), Megan Jinnings (AMH), Nick Yoder (Monroe PD), Ken Meyer (City of Decatur), Stephanie Beaver (ACCC), Leonard Corral, Jr. (Decatur PD), Bob Becker (Redeemer Lutheran Church), Jaime Loshe (Probation/Drug Court), Madison Hake (Community Corrections), Phil Hutson (Park Center), Dick Lambert (Community Member), Louise Lambert (Community Member), Wes Kuntzman (Mount Zion UB), Barb McKee (Positive Resource Connection), Wesley Haight (Berne PD), Baldemar Silva (AMH) and Amy Hathaway (LetterPerfect Services)

### **1. Pat Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

### **2. Approval of May 22, 2019 Minutes:** Motion: Ken Meyer; 2nd: Phil Hutson; all in favor

### **3. Financial Reports**

#### **• Local Drug Free Communities Fund**

- 2019 collections: May: \$5,377.50, YTD: \$21,147.59
- 2019 expenditures: See Treasurer's Report

### **4. News Around the State and Nation**

- Deaths due to overdoses linked to cocaine and methamphetamine are on the rise, according to the CDC.
- The Colorado Sun has discovered a stunning increase in suicide threat assessments in school districts across the state. This rise parallels the marijuana legalization effort in Colorado.
- There are associations between nicotine, alcohol, and marijuana use during two periods of adolescence and smaller gray matter volume in two brain areas at age 25, reveals a study from Emory University.
- PAX Labs, maker of JUUL, has developed an e-joint called PAX 3.

### **5. Grantee Report: Park Center**

- Eighteen individuals completed the recent substance treatment courses.
- Individuals receive six days off of their sentence if they complete the substance treatment course.
- Recovery plans are well-thought through and completed at the midway point of the course. These plans connect individuals to community resources that will help them achieve successful recovery.
- Phil Hutson expressed appreciation to the jail staff for their support of the program.

### **6. DFAC Business/Discussions**

#### **• Prevention Grants**

- Six grant applications were submitted. Kelly Sickafoose reported on each grant application and the recommendation from the grant review committee. Wes Kuntzman seconded the recommendation of the grant review committee. All in favor.

#### **• Comprehensive Plan Objectives**

- Coalition members contributed feedback on accomplishments as they relate to coalition objectives.
- **Recovery House**
  - Oxford House will attend the next Recovery House meeting on July 9, 2019. Oxford House has renewed interest in Adams County due to the advances made in solving the transportation issue.
  - Wes Kuntzman reported that Lyft is working well. It is helpful when providers and clients can schedule their Lyft rides in advance. Agencies can email the Lyft driver or schedule through the Lyft cell phone app. Lyft gift certificates are available online.
  - Pat Miller asked if the Lyft services could be advertised through the Chamber of Commerce. Ken Meyer replied that a link could be added to the City of Decatur website.
- **Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative**
  - This event is planned for homecoming season.
  - No further discussion at this time.
- **What drug/alcohol issues are you seeing?**
  - Several coalition members reported an increase in the following substances: meth, cocaine, uppers, mushrooms, LSD, anabolic steroids, vaping THC and fentanyl.

## **7. Drug Symposium**

- A full day of activities are planned with registration beginning at 8:30. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. The Symposium will be hosted at the Riverside Center. The focus this year is on the impact on area families.
- Overdose Lifeline will be in attendance; however, nasal Narcan will not be available due to a shortage.
- Certificates documenting CEUs will be available.

## **8. For the Good of the Order/Member Sharing**

- The Messiah's Misfits are hosting a run on July 13. This 100 mile run is 11:00 – 2:30 and benefits Drug Court and Brianna's Hope.
- The Positive Resource Connection is offering screenings at the Adams County Department of Health on a quarterly basis. Screens include Hepatitis C and HIV. The tests are free and confidential.

## **9. Upcoming Events**

- July 24: Drug Symposium

## **10. Adjournment at 1:00 p.m.**

***NEXT MEETING: August 28, 2019, Adams Memorial Hospital, Monroe Room***