



**DRUG FREE
ADAMS COUNTY**
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DRUG FREE ADAMS COUNTY MINUTES ~ March 27, 2019

Present (including sectors): Pat Miller (Superior Court/Drug Court), Kelly Sickafoose (DFAC/Drug Court), Wes Kuntzman (Mt. Zion UB Church), Linda Hathaway (McMillen Health), Kevin McIntosh (Monroe PD), Phil Hutson (Park Center), Jaime Loshe (Probation/Drug Court), Amy DiNovo Hathaway (LetterPerfect Services), Melissa Hancher (DCS), Megan Jinnings (Adams Memorial Health), Alex Springer (Adams Memorial Health), Baldemar Silva (Adams Memorial Health), Mayor Ken Meyer (City of Decatur), Tim Hirschy (Adams Memorial Hospital), Madison Hake (Community Corrections), Bart Alexander (Community Corrections), and Stephanie Beaver (ACCC).

1. Patrick Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of February 27, 2019 Minutes: Motion: Phil Hutson; 2nd: Wes Kuntzman; all in favor

3. Financial Reports

• Local Drug Free Communities Fund

- 2019 collections: February: \$2,371.50, YTD: \$6,800.57
- 2019 expenditures: Drug Court - \$348.00; Rotary - \$150; Decatur PD - \$1,126.04

4. News Around the State and Nation: The report was attached to the agenda.

- Almost 9,000 U.S. children and teenagers died from opioid poisoning from 1999 to 2016.
- Teen marijuana use is linked to an increased risk of depression and suicidal behavior in young adulthood.
- Co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders are common. One in five young people struggle with a mental health disorder like ADHD, anxiety disorders, and depression, and millions of adolescents misuse alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription medications.

5. Grant Report/Guest Speaker: Linda Hathaway, McMillen Health

- Linda reported that 432 children have been served through 13 sessions in Adams County.
- McMillen Health offers more than 80 health education programs in the areas of: health, nutrition and fitness, disease prevention, human growth and development and drug prevention.
- Programs can be taught online in real-time.
- Programs are designed for youth, adults and individuals of all abilities.
- Professional development is also available.

6. DFAC Business/Discussions

• Recovery House

- Discussion focused on Serenity House vs. Oxford House.
- Serenity House is not certified. Oxford House has concerns regarding the lack of public transportation in Adams County.
- Ian Gilbert has researched the potential to lose funding dollars if referrals are made to uncertified facilities such as Serenity House. It is a possibility down the road.
- Coalition members remarked that they are seeing a trend in funding that requires certification.

- Phil Hutson suggested utilizing Serenity House until the funding concerns became better defined. Individuals can be referred to Serenity House before they enter the court system.
- Mayor Ken Meyer stated that he would contact the Mayor of Auburn, Indiana to discuss zoning issues.
- The coalition members present requested a proposal from both Serenity House and Oxford House.
- **Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative**
 - DFAC is receiving a \$750 stipend for the town hall meeting.
 - Phil Hutson offered to ask Park Center to provide food/refreshments.
- **What drug/alcohol issues are you seeing?**
 - Nicotine toothpicks are present in the community.
 - Alcohol OWI charges have increased recently.
 - Discussion regarding the use of Ketamine to treat depression.
 - Judge Miller reported that CBD beer is becoming available.

7. Drug Symposium

- The date of the symposium is being moved to July 24 due to scheduling conflicts.
- Mayor Long from Wabash is being sought as a potential speaker.

8. For the Good of the Order/Member Sharing

- Phil Hutson reported that five new staff members have been hired at Park Center including three caseworkers, two therapists and two therapy interns.
- Baldemar Silva shared that Adams Memorial Health Behavioral Health has opened their offices at 1300 Mercer. Visitors should look for the Counseling Connection sign.

9. Upcoming Events

- April 6: SAFE Carnival
- April 27: Unwanted medication collection at Decatur Police Department. This is a great time for estates or physician's offices to bring in unwanted or expired medications.

10. Adjournment at 12:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2019, Adams Memorial Hospital, Monroe Room