



**DRUG FREE
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DRUG FREE ADAMS COUNTY MINUTES ~ April 24, 2019

Present (including sectors): Pat Miller (Superior Court/Drug Court), Kelly Sickafoose (DFAC), Wes Kuntzman (Mt. Zion UB Church), Amanda Gilbert (NACS), Linda Hathaway (McMillen Health), Dick Lambert (Community), Louise Lambert (Community), Ian Gilbert (ACCC), Danelle Taylor (Probation), Nicholas Yoder (Monroe PD), Leonard Corral, Jr. (Decatur PD), Bob Becker (Redeemer Lutheran Church), Phil Hutson (Park Center), Jaime Loshe (Probation/Drug Court), Madison Hake (Community Corrections), Stephanie Beaver (ACCC), Melissa Hayden (DCS), Curtis Rose (Community), Bob Corral (Bowen Center), Danielle Reed (DCS), Anita Miller (AWCC), Amanda Smith (AWCC), and Amy Hathaway (LetterPerfect Services)

1. Patrick Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of March 27, 2019 Minutes: Motion: Bob Corral; 2nd: Wes Kuntzman; all in favor

3. Financial Reports

• Local Drug Free Communities Fund

- 2019 collections: March: \$5,754.14, YTD: \$12,374.71
- 2019 expenditures: See Treasurer's Report

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

- April is Alcohol Awareness Month, which provides an opportunity to increase awareness and understanding of alcohol use disorder and recovery.
- Young adults under age 35 account for half of emergency room visits due to nonmedical prescription drug use.
- A new study finds that while reducing opioid prescriptions can save lives, it also can lead to increased heroin use and deaths.
- More than 150,000 Americans died from alcohol, drugs and suicide in 2017 – the highest number since the federal government started collecting such data in 1999.

5. Grantee Report: North Adams Community Schools

- The goal of the NACS random drug testing policy is to identify students who are using controlled substances and ultimately prevent the use of such substances.
- 60 students have been tested to date this year.
- At Bellmont, there is a 98% participation rate in the random drug testing pool.

6. Grantee Report: Drug Court

- Drug Court has been operating since 2015.
- 11 participants have graduated, which is 62.5%.
- There were 28 participants in 2018.
- Grant funds were utilized to for a portion of the Coordinator's salary, compliance officer services, drug testing supplies, and incentives.
- Jaime Loshe is the new Drug Court Case Manage/ High& Moderate Risk Probation Officer.

7. DFAC Business/Discussions

- **Grant process reopening for Prevention funds**
 - Grants will be due 5/22/19 at noon.
 - Current grantees can apply.
- **AIM Grant**
 - Grant opportunity referred by Mayor Meyer.
 - This application was completed with assistance from Melissa Norby for \$5,000 for resources to be distributed in the community.
- **Restoring Community Symposium**
 - Coalition members were invited to attend this May 21, 2019 event.
 - Admission is free and limited to 150 participants.
- **Recovery House**
 - There was no March or April meetings. The next meeting is May 14.
 - Oxford House requires transportation to be available. Wes reported there is a potential for Lyft drivers to fill this need. A call-out meeting is scheduled for 6/19/19.
 - Bob Corral asked if bikes from Decatur PD would be available. Leonard Corral reported that some bikes may be available.
- **Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative**
 - This event is planned for homecoming season.
 - Suggestions were made for potential speakers.
 - Curtis Rose recounted the loss of his daughter.
- **What drug/alcohol issues are you seeing?**
 - Amanda Gilbert reported that marijuana is a problem for the schools. Students are smoking marijuana with their parents.
 - While cigarettes are less of an issue for schools, Juuls are a problem.
 - Ian Gilbert added that individuals are traveling to Michigan to purchase marijuana. Drug-related OWIs are increasing.
 - Fentanyl, meth, cocaine, and THC with fentanyl are also prevalent.

8. Drug Symposium

- The symposium is scheduled for July 24, 9:00 – 4:00 with registration beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Riverside Center.
- Mayor Meyer will be the emcee. Mayor Long from Wabash is a confirmed speaker.
- Stay Sharp is a potential presentation for the afternoon. Other topics could include family impact and CBD products.

9. For the Good of the Order/Member Sharing

- None at this time.

10. Upcoming Events

- April 27: Unwanted medication collection at Decatur Police Department. This is a great time for estates or physicians to bring in unwanted or expired medications. Free home drug tests will be available for parents.
- July 24: Drug Symposium

11. Adjournment at 12:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: May 22, 2019, Adams Memorial Hospital, Monroe Room