



**DRUG FREE
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DRUG FREE ADAMS COUNTY MINUTES ~ January 23, 2019

Present (including sectors): Pat Miller (Superior Court/Drug Court), Kelly Sickafoose (DFAC/Drug Court), Melissa Hayden (DCS), Wes Kuntzman (Mt. Zion UB Church), Ken Meyer (City of Decatur), Anita Miller (Adams Wells Crisis Center), Rex Moore (Commissioner), Kim Fruechte (County Commissioner), Nicholas Yoder (Monroe PD), Eric Beer (AC Sheriff Dept.), Wesley Haight (Berne PD – DETECT), Barb McKee (Positive Resource Connection), Bart Alexander (ACCC), Tim Hirschy (AMH), Danielle Taylor (Probation), Stephanie Beaver (ACCC), Brent Lehman (North Adams), John Huddleston (AMH), Mandy Lengerich (Adams Wells Special Services), Jim Langham (Berne Witness), Sarah Cearns (AMH), Bob Becker (Redeemer Lutheran Church), Alycia Galvin (AMH), Linda Hathaway (McMillen Health), Tichelle Jackson (McMillen Health intern), and Stephanie Wells (McMillen Health intern)

1. Patrick Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of November 26, 2018 Minutes: Motion: Ken Meyer; 2nd: Alycia Galvin; all in favor

3. Financial Reports

• Local Drug Free Communities Fund

- 2018 collections: November \$2,910.23; December \$4,554.79 YTD: \$50,658.69
- Expenditures: See Treasurer's Report
- FY20 grant amount: \$92,797.54

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

- Fentanyl was involved in almost 29% of all overdose deaths in 2016, making it the most commonly used drug involved in overdose fatalities, according to the CDC.
- The average five-year cost for using heroin 10 times a day is \$318,500. People who smoke 10-19 cigarettes a day will spend an average of \$5,000 over five years.
- A new study finds one-fourth of people who take prescription opioid painkillers for long periods are at risk of an overdose from unsafe combinations of prescription medications.

5. Guest Speaker: Barb McKee, Positive Resource Connection (formerly AIDS Task Force)

- Individuals with an HIV diagnosis are assigned a case coordinator who can assist with food, housing, medical appointments, etc.
- Prevention and outreach help the community understand the risky behaviors and treatment options. The Bowen Center and Park Center offer support groups. Parkview Behavioral Health offers youth support groups.
- Free confidential testing is available for HIV and STDs. The Positive Resource Center visits Adams County on a quarterly basis. HIV results are ready in 60 seconds. If an individual is positive, additional confirmation testing is completed. Walk-in or appointment testing is available.
- Treatment has made great strides in the last 30 years. If individuals follow their medication regimen, they often will not progress into AIDS.
- The top two riskiest behaviors include injection drug use and sex with multiple partners.

- Regarding Hepatitis C, 15-25% of those infected can clear the infection on their own.
- Hepatitis C is known as the Silent Killer. HIP 2.0 will pay for medical care for individuals with liver disease if they have been drug-free for six months.
- Truvada is a medication that treats Hepatitis C and is taken once a day.

6. DFAC Business/Discussions

• FY19 Grant Approval

- All approvals have been secured. MOUs will be distributed soon.

• Recovery House

- Oxford House is run by residents in the home without a house manager.
- The house votes in a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
- A single-family residence is sufficient and does not require special zoning.
- Oxford House will buy the home, but public transportation must be available. Discussion included bikes and volunteer drivers. Golf carts could also be an option and would require certification. A driver's license is also necessary.
- Serenity House is not licensed but more structured. The House Manager is on-site on weekdays and sometimes on weekends. Steve Smith, Executive Director of Serenity House, will attend the next Recovery House meeting.

• Meeting Presentations

- Suggestions for upcoming meeting presentations include: Groups; Bowen Center; and Park Center regarding their Walk-in Clinic.

• Communities Talk: Town Hall Meetings to Prevent Underage Drinking Initiative

- A \$750 stipend is coming to us for an event. We will discuss what we would like that event to entail at an upcoming meeting.

• What drug/alcohol issues are you seeing?

- We reported the DEA states that synthetics are increasing tremendously.

7. Opioid Task Force

- A discussion was held on topics for the symposium. Those topics could include: Synthetics; Opioids; Meth; and CBD oil.

8. For the Good of the Order/Member Sharing

- DCS is seeking office space during their remodel.
- McMillen Health has sessions available.

9. Adjournment at 12:47 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 27, 2019, Adams Memorial Hospital, Monroe Room