

# Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Attendance:** Becky Hart, Grace Irvin, Tristan McGrew, Laura Perkins, Diane Stelter, Dominic Valenti, Tyler Wenger, Daryl Weseloh, Krista Wilcoxon, Debbie Yetter

**Secretary's Minutes:** Motion to accept- 1<sup>st</sup> (Daryl); 2<sup>nd</sup> (Diane)

**Treasurer's Report:** No updated treasurer's report. The last reported treasurer's report was listed at \$2,297.42.

**Life Skills Class:** Stephanie mentioned that she is interested in starting the life skills class in the morning starting the week of June 10<sup>th</sup> or the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>. (Monday through Thursday). The week of June 10<sup>th</sup> may work better. We must be done at 3:00 p.m. if the Life Skills class is being hosted at Spoon River College. Stephanie mentioned that we can have different people do different topics. We are targeting the ages of 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are thinking about changing the title from "Life Skills" to something else. This must be promoted to the teachers to present the idea if they are on-board with doing the class. Transportation is another concern. We will setup a subcommittee in order to come up with a Life Skills plan (Daryl, Grace, Diane, and Becky plan to be on the subcommittee).

**Alcohol Campaign:** Direct-mailed info cards will be distributed to schools in the next couple of weeks. The info cards will be mailed to schools that approve of the mailing method. Otherwise, schools will be asked to place the info card on the school's website, etc. for parents to view.

**Youth Prevention Education:** Havana has already completed the *Too Good for Drugs* curriculum. Dominic and Tyler are currently implementing the curriculum at Midwest Central Middle School and Lincoln Junior High School. Dominic is facilitating 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Midwest Central Middle School and just finished the curriculum; Tyler is facilitating the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and has one more day (opioid lesson). Dominic and Tyler are currently in Week 5 at Lincoln Junior High School with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Illinois Youth Survey:** Midwest Central Middle School has mentioned that they have signed up for the IYS, but they have not. Midwest Central High School is the sample for the rural report and is also not registered for the IYS. Krista mentioned that an idea to entice Midwest Central to register for the IYS is to talk to the superintendent. Going to the school board is another idea to reach out for IYS

registration.

**Drug Take Back:** Drug Take Back Day will be hosted at Mason City (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.), Manito (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), and Havana (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.) on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Tyler will reach out to the police department to make sure that a police officer plans to attend Drug Take Back Day.

**Resource Directory Cards:** New resource directory cards at out. This is a card to make the public aware of resources around the county. There is a QR code on the back to scan for more information on services being offered. Dominic is working on the Logan and Mason County resource directory websites. The website is formatted, and the services provided are being edited.

**Conversation Starters:** Chestnut has a lot of Chinese boxes left over and plan on getting rid of them. It would be a good opportunity to give them out at the Family Resource Fair in April. Once we get rid of the chatterboxes, we could put a menu-like flipchart together for restaurants. In the past, the Chinese boxes were left at different restaurants. The secondhand stores would be a good place to distribute Chinese boxes because they would put them in the bags they give to customers. Blue Butterfly and Sweetie's would be other good places. In the summer, the pool and park district (nature center; campsites) could take some chatterboxes as well. Debbie's class may be able to put together the chatterboxes. We plan to launch the chatterboxes in the summertime.

**Sticker Shock/Prom Posters:** Debbie met with the members of the FCA. They are having trouble with students coming to meetings, but they would like to set up a time for sticker shock and help with prom messaging. The FCA group will look at the calendar and find a date to do sticker shock. Diane will let Grace know what the theme for prom is once she finds out. HAPT will donate \$100 to post-prom. Motion to donating \$100 to post-prom: 1<sup>st</sup> (Daryl), 2<sup>nd</sup> (Diane).

**Scholarship:** In the past, we have done \$250 worth of a scholarship. The essay for the scholarship used to be how you overcame adversity in your life. Then, it turned into what you think we could do to be better at preventing alcohol or drug abuse. We may go ahead and send out an email about the scholarship and we are looking for students that have overcome things in their life and are now doing well. We can hand it out to those kids and see how many we get. HAPT will plan to do one scholarship for \$500. It will be posted on Mr. Wherley's website. Debbie will have a subcommittee for the scholarship.

**Additional Feedback/Updates:** The Havana Police Department sent a letter out to get some donations to work with the National Child Safety Council. It's about teaching fundamentals about drug safety and awareness. \$75 would cover 25 children.

Stephanie mentioned that there's a Family Resource Fair happening on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Havana Junior High School if HAPT would like to have a booth. The fair will last from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. HAPT can pass out handouts and snacks. The Mason Coordinating Council is hosting the Family Resource Fair.

Marcie Ganson asked if HAPT wanted to donate to post-prom. The plan is to donate an amount of money to post-prom.

**Upcoming Items/Dates:** Mason County Coordinating Council Meeting- March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Spoon River College or via zoom (9:30 a.m.); ROSC Meeting- March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, via zoom (2:00 p.m.)

**Next Meeting:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom

**Mason County Resource Directory Website:** [www.masoncountyresources.org](http://www.masoncountyresources.org)

**Mason County Coalition Website:** [www.masoncountyilprevention.org](http://www.masoncountyilprevention.org)