

Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

September 5th, 2023

Attendance: John Duewer, Grace Irvin, Laura Perkins, Diane Stelter, Tyler Wenger, Krista Wilcoxon

Secretary's Minutes: Motion to accept- 1st (John); 2nd (Diane)

Treasurer's Report: We will pass on the treasurer's report.

HAPT Pool Night: HAPT Pool Night was on August 10th. A total of 61 people attended the pool party. Popsicles were handed out to whoever wanted one. A folder containing prevention information was passed out to the parents attending the pool night. This was a successful event, just like last year.

Havana School Registration: Grace, Tyler, John, and Vicki attended the Havana School Registration on August 3rd. Several bags of information (HAPT brochure, Alcohol Campaign info card, Resource Directory card, QR Code for the Parent Resource Guide) were handed out to parents.

Life Skills Class: An idea for implementing the Life Skills Class included bringing it to the school during the school year. Only two kids signed up for the class this past summer, so it was not implemented. At Havana Junior High School, there is a life skills curriculum already being facilitated.

Alcohol Campaign: For September, a poster will be distributed to the schools and businesses in the community for display. Banners will also be given to schools in the service area. The dimensions of the banner will be around 3' by 6', and it will display a message regarding parents talking to their child about underage alcohol use. Also, for September, an advertisement will be displayed at Arlee Theater for the Alcohol Campaign. The Alcohol Campaign is designed to have parents talk to their children about not drinking alcohol underage.

Red Ribbon Week: Last year, the Prevention Team at Chestnut gave Havana High School large ribbons to tie on trees and small ribbons to place on the antennae of cars. Havana High School implemented a spirit week last year during Red Ribbon Week. A competition took place, in which whichever class won had a pizza party; \$100 was provided by HAPT for the pizza party to take place. For Red Ribbon Week this year (October 23rd-31st), HAPT may plan on providing \$75 for spirit week, but we will table this until

next month. The new school social worker at Havana has a degree in art (Rebecca Maccanelli); she would be a great person to work with for a spirit week activity.

Youth Prevention Education: Tyler dropped off *Too Good for Drugs* 6th and 7th grade books at Havana Junior High School. The Havana staff will implement 6th grade and 7th grade Youth Prevention Education. Grace and Tyler may observe a class to make sure the program is being implemented according to fidelity, and to take demographics of students. Grace and Tyler will be facilitating Youth Prevention Education to Illini Central Middle School (6th and 7th grade), Lincoln Junior High School (7th grade), and New Holland-Middletown (6th and 7th grade) this fall semester. Midwest Central Middle School (6th and 7th grade) and Lincoln Junior High School (6th grade) will receive Youth Prevention Education in the spring.

Illinois Youth Survey: Grace and Tyler recently had a meeting with Mrs. Matthews at Midwest Central Middle School (new principal) and discussed participation in the Illinois Youth Survey. Mrs. Matthews agreed to participate and plans to contact the Midwest Central High School principal (Mr. Welch) to have their school participate as well. 2024 is a survey year and it is important that schools register for the survey, especially Midwest Central High School, since it will be a sample for the rural report this survey cycle. The survey provides valuable information for us to use to implement more evidence-based services. Grace and Tyler plan to meet with several other principals to have them register their school for the Illinois Youth Survey.

Homecoming Date and Theme?: The Havana High School homecoming theme this year is Mardi Gras. Homecoming will be on September 22nd (parade) and the 23rd (dance). We may create a poster for Homecoming this year. We will have to decide if HAPT would like to participate in the Homecoming Parade. The HAPT banner could be used in the parade and Chestnut could provide stress balls to throw. We plan to contact Debbie and gauge if the FCA is willing to help HAPT with the parade. HAPT may decide not to do the parade if the FCA is not able to help HAPT.

HAPT President: Debbie plans to step up in John's absence as president of HAPT.

Additional Feedback/Updates: John plans to be at the HAPT cookout on October 28th. The time of the cookout will be from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Diane should be able to come and may be able to bring her sister. When John last participated in a cookout, they started at 9:45 a.m. and started selling at 10:00

a.m. The cookout ended around 12:30 p.m. John's team earned about \$250. HAPT would make half of the acquired profits. For the HAPT cookout, we need someone to make sandwiches, collect money, use the grill, and run. At a minimum, we need at least four people. We can ask Debbie to see if any of the FCA students could volunteer. At the cookout, the grill will be already provided. We plan to make and sell pork chops, brats, and hot dogs. There will be bottled water and soda as well. At the cookout, we can take a tally of how many people asked for rib eyes in order to know if we should do rib eyes next year.

Krista mentioned that the kids she sees seem to be much more stable this year so far. There are not as many critical incidents happening as of now.

Krist mentioned that Mrs. Hofreiter filled John's position at Havana Junior High School and may be a great asset for HAPT. Two Special Education teachers, once they graduate from their school programs, Morgan Mibbs and Jamie Kampana, may also be a great addition for HAPT. At New Central, Becca Lynn may be able to recruit some New Central staff to participate for HAPT. The new social worker at New Central may also be another person to add to HAPT.

Grace mentioned that on September 15th, Havana High School will conduct a crash site reenactment in the afternoon. Crash site reenactments are typically not effective in the long-term. It is a scare tactic.

Upcoming Items/Dates: Mason County Coordinating Council Meeting- September 19th, 2023, via zoom (9:30 a.m.); ROSC Meeting- September 21st, 2023, via zoom (2:00 p.m.); ROSC Recovery Walk- September 30th, 2023, Scully Park, Lincoln (1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.); HAPT Cookout Fundraiser- Saturday, October 28th, 2023, at Mason City IGA

Next Meeting

October 3rd, 2023, at Spoon River College (Havana)

Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn- 1st (Diane); 2nd (Laura)

Mason County Resource Directory Website: www.masoncountyresources.org

Mason County Coalition Website: www.masoncountylprevention.org