

# Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

**Attendance:** John Duewer, Becky Hoelscher, Stephanie Howeter, Grace Irvin, Vicki Lane, Cathy Reavely, Diane Stelter, Tyler Wenger, Krista Wilcoxon, Debbie Yetter

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

**Treasurer's Report:** We will pass on the Treasurer's Report.

**Early Childhood Spring Festival (April 27<sup>th</sup>):** Grace and Tyler attended the Early Childhood Spring Festival last Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. There were a lot of attendees. Grace and Tyler handed out Parent Campaign bags filled with information. Also, the kids were able to win mazes and coloring sheets by playing with Chestnut's plinko board.

**Drug Take Back:** Tyler worked Drug Take Back with a Mason County police officer. They traveled to Mason City IGA's parking lot, Manito at the Lodge, and Havana at Oney's. A total of ten people dropped off expired or unwanted medications.

**Life Skills Class:** Spoon River College will be closed on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The life skills class will have to take place three days a week. The first week will be scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. An informational meeting regarding the start of the Life Skills class will be held on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at Spoon River College. One day of the Life Skills class will focus on the overview of life skills, and the topics of stress and bullying will be the other two days of the week. A packet will be put together for the students to take home for them to utilize. The school admins will send out information about the Life Skills class via email. The charge for the class will be \$10 (for printing, snacks, etc.). A scholarship will be sent out once the class starts. The deadline to sign up for the class as a student will be the week before it first meets (June 13<sup>th</sup>). If more volunteers for the classes are needed, we could reach out to one of the clubs at the high school (Interact, FCA, etc.).

**Elections:** Motion to retain current positions- 1<sup>st</sup> (Cathy); 2<sup>nd</sup> (Vicki). The positions are as follows: President (John Duewer), Vice President (Debbie Yetter); Treasurer (Richard Atwater); Secretary (Tyler Wenger).

**Alcohol Campaign:** A poster will be displayed for the Parent/Alcohol Campaign this month. This poster has been distributed to middle schools and high schools in Logan and Mason County. Debbie asked Mr. McKinney if Havana High School would allow info cards to be direct-mailed to parents of the school. This has been approved. The last material distribution for the Alcohol Campaign will be direct-mailed info cards next month.

**National Prevention Week:** National Prevention Week is a week to honor prevention efforts that go on in the community. The week will run from May 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Several schools in Logan and Mason County have agreed to participate in various activities for National Prevention Week. The activities include chalk messaging- writing/drawing with chalk on the sidewalks outside the school what a drug-free life means to the students; intercom announcements- positive messages being read over the intercom twice/day during the week (an IYS stat will also be read each day); T-shirt colors will be worn based on the grade level a student is in on Friday (May 12<sup>th</sup>). Havana High School will be wearing certain T-shirt colors on a different day since school will be out sooner for the seniors.

**Scholarship:** Three students are being nominated for the scholarship. The students chosen for the scholarship have good ideas and have overcome some hardships. The amount of the scholarship has been increased to \$350. Motion to accept the scholarship recipients- 1<sup>st</sup> (Debbie); 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cathy). Anna Green, Angel Clear, and Allison Ralston are the three student nominees. The Awards Day ceremony is Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and takes about one hour to complete. The current scholarship will need to be rewritten. Grace will be sending the scholarship over to Debbie.

**Mason County Foundation Grant:** John wrote a grant and asked for \$3,725 for HAPT. HAPT was awarded for \$2,000. John put the grant in terms of what the group would like to do with the money. The money will be used for the scholarship, which will be provided for three high school seniors. An awareness campaign for Red Ribbon Week is also an expenditure that would like to be provided by grant money (\$675). Hidden in Plain Sight is another expenditure that would be provided by the grant money (\$150); this would include two Amazon gift cards and school concession coupons. Lastly, having a pool day can also be provided for (\$500). Other money provided from the grant can be used for events of material distribution.

**Next Meeting Discussion:** June's meeting will be a joint meeting with HAPT and CPAC at John's house, which will be June 6<sup>th</sup>. We will roast hot dogs. John's house is at 1511 E. Walnut St. in Mason City. Discussions can include our life skills class (volunteers), confirming the grant scholarship for next year, and we can talk about a time to use the pool (the time will need to be approved by around our next meeting). General prevention ideas are something that we can talk to CPAC about. HAPT members can bring a side dish if they'd like. We will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. Everyone at this meeting can most likely make it, only Vicki is unsure. We can send out an email based on what everyone can bring to the cookout.

**SPF- Goals and Objectives Review and Next Steps:** A Goals and Objectives worksheet was sent out with the HAPT meeting minutes and agenda. It is encouraged that you reach out to Grace and Tyler with any

questions you have about the Strategic Prevention Framework so far. In our July meeting, we will review evidence-based strategies and select some for the upcoming school year.

**Additional Feedback/Updates:** If at least one HAPT member is at Spoon River College by 3:30 p.m., we should be able to use Spoon River College for our July and August meetings. For the County Market, Diane asked the new manager if cookouts would be available for the group. Diane was told that corporate is doing a trial run in May to see if cookouts will be able to happen. For cookouts to happen, you must bring your own grill and a food handler. You also must use County Market's food. John Horton, the new manager at County Market, is interested in prevention and being involved with the HAPT group. He would like to be put on the HAPT email list. Grace will add John Horton to the email list. The FCA group at Havana High School will be doing Sticker Shock/Your Actions Matter on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. The time of day for the activity will need to be determined. Angel, the one who leads the group, will be asked to find out the time that works best for the group on that day. It will most likely be after school. An email will be sent to the HAPT group with more specifics regarding Sticker Shock/Your Actions Matter. For the Early Childhood Council, it would be helpful for a HAPT member to come to the meetings. A lot of parents come to the events hosted by the Early Childhood Council. If we are trying to get people involved with HAPT, it would be helpful for a member of HAPT to attend the meetings and events. We would like people to know who HAPT is since not a lot of people do. We can contact an Illini Central counselor to get Krista connected with potential interventions for kids who need help.

**Upcoming Items/Dates:** Mason County Coordinating Council Meeting (May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at Spoon River College/Zoom); ROSC Meeting (May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, via Zoom); HAPT Cookout Fundraiser at Mason City IGA (Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023- 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

**Next Meeting:** June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at John's House (1511 E. Walnut St. Mason City, IL)

**Adjourn Meeting:** Motion to adjourn- 1<sup>st</sup> (Diane); 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cathy)

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

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