

Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

May 7th, 2024

Attendance: Richard Atwater, Becky Hart, Grace Irvin, Laura Perkins, Diane Stelter, Dominic Valenti, Tyler Wenger, Daryl Weseloh, Debbie Yetter

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

Treasurer's Report: HAPT has received \$2,000 from the Wind Farm Grant. The total amount for the Treasurer's Report is \$4,539.24. Richard presented a detailed balance sheet of HAPT's assets and expenditures.

Sticker Shock: Sticker Shock happened on Tuesday, April 23rd. There were two Havana High School students who participated (four originally planned on attending). The three locations were Casey's, Happy Our, and Thorton's in Havana. Next year we can open it up to all of Havana High School. Students are always looking for community service projects.

Family Resource Fair: The Family Resource Fair took place on Wednesday, April 24th in the cafeteria at Havana Junior High School. There may have been around 15 people from the community who came to the event. Chestnut hosted a table and gathered raffle tickets for a \$20 Casey's gift card and a \$20 County Market gift card. Parents bags of prevention information were handed out. Parents were also asked to complete the Alcohol Campaign Marketing Evaluation Survey. The Mason County Coordinating Council may host a Family Resource Fair again in the fall or around school registrations. The council plans to promote the event well.

Drug Take Back: Dominic and Tyler attended Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27th. A police officer and Dominic and Tyler attended three locations (IGA at Mason City, The Lodge in Manito, and Old Oney's in Havana). Attendees received a parent bag and a Deterra Bag after dropping off unused, expired, or unwanted medications.

Early Childhood Council Spring Carnival: The Early Childhood Council Spring Carnival took place on Thursday, May 2nd at the Fairgrounds just outside of Havana. There were several children and their families who attended the event. Chestnut hosted a table and had a plink board for the kids, along with coloring sheets, colored pencils, and markers. The Resource Directory card was included in bags that

were distributed to the parents at the event. Because of the weather, the event was cut short by about an hour.

Life Skills Class: Stephanie has handed out a “Future U” scholarship application form for HAPT to review before distribution. The scholarship currently has a deadline of May 31st. Because classes start on June 10th, it may be helpful to have the deadline of the scholarship be on May 29th or May 30th. The Life Skills subcommittee group will meet again and solidify a date for when the scholarship should be due. Daryl, Diane, Grace, and Becky are on the subcommittee who will decide how much time should be allowed for the scholarships to be processed before the start of the Life Skills program. The fee for the Life Skills Class will be \$10. Spoon River College may cover half of the scholarship and HAPT could cover half as well. It would be helpful to have payment at least one week before the classes start. Cathy mentioned that the Rebekah’s would be able to donate food for one day of the Life Skills Class.

Alcohol Campaign: The last Alcohol Campaign materials to be distributed are a poster and direct-mailed info cards. Dominic and Tyler plan to distribute these materials on Thursday, May 9th to the schools in Logan and Mason County. Also, an Alcohol Campaign Marketing Evaluation Survey is being conducted for feedback on how materials should be distributed in the future. This survey gives insight into how the Alcohol Campaign should be conducted next fiscal year. Schools will be asked to share the survey on their website and/or social media feed for parents to fill out. The survey will also be on coalition Facebook pages and boosted.

Youth Prevention Education: Dominic and Tyler have just finished up *Too Good for Drugs* with the Lincoln Junior High School 6th graders. In the summer, they will meet with school admins to work out a schedule for the upcoming school year. The schools include Midwest Central Middle School, Illini Central Middle School, New Holland-Middletown Elementary School, and Lincoln Junior High School. The staff at Havana Junior High School facilitate the *Too Good for Drugs* program to their students.

Illinois Youth Survey: Havana Junior High School was scheduled to take the Illinois Youth Survey on March 22nd. However, Grace contacted Krista and found out that their new survey date will be Friday, May 10th. Havana High School already took the Illinois Youth Survey in February. Illini Central is was scheduled to take it on April 25th, but the IYS-CPRD website still labels the school as “registered.” Tyler is attempting to contact the school admin to find out when/if they have taken the IYS yet.

National Prevention Week: Illini Central High/Middle School will be participating in National Prevention Week this year. National Prevention Week will be held from May 13th-May 17th. The activities include chalk messaging, intercom announcements (twice/day), and an informational lunch table. Debbie mentioned that Havana High School will be willing to do chalk messages and intercom announcements as well. Schools where an informational table will also be held are Hartsburg-Emden Jr.-Sr. High School, Lincoln Community High School, and Mount Pulaski High School.

Conversation Starters: Debbie has made conversation starters with some of her students and may need more questions from Chestnut. In the summer we can try to distribute the chatterboxes that are already made and if more is needed, Chestnut can put some together. The library could put chatterboxes in the bags that they hand out. Chatterboxes can also be handed out on First Fridays (the Logan-Mason ROSC will have a table at the events starting in June). When school is out, Debbie and Diane will distribute chatterboxes to the Library, Sword and Board, Blue Butterfly Mission, and the food pantries.

Scholarship: Debbie and Krista met regarding the HAPT scholarships that have been submitted. There have been nine scholarships completed. Debbie and Krista decided to pull their top three scholarships, and they both decided on the most deserving student. The first-place scholarship recipient will receive \$500. A second recipient will be rewarded as well. The rewards ceremony at Havana High School will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10th.

Graduation: Grace made three options of graduation “diplomas” to choose from. Diplomas will be given to Debbie for graduation. Graduation practice will be on May 17th in the morning.

Additional Feedback/Updates: DARE Graduation is May 21st at 9:00 a.m. There will be a HAPT cookout in Mason City on June 15th. We will put together the details for the HAPT cookout at the June HAPT meeting.

Upcoming Items/Dates: ROSC Meeting- Thursday, May 16th, 2024, via Zoom (2:00 p.m.); Mason County Coordinating Council Meeting- Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom (9:30 a.m.)

Next Meeting: June 4th, 2024, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom (4:00 p.m.)

Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn- 1st (Daryl); 2nd (Richard)

Mason County Resource Directory Website: www.masoncountyresources.org

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