

Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

October 3rd, 2023

Attendance: John Duewer, Grace Irvin, Vicki Lane, Laura Perkins, Adam Snell, Diane Stelter, Tyler Wenger, Daryle Weseloh, Debbie Yetter

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

Treasurer's Report: Debbie will touch base with Richard on a Treasurer's report.

Early Childhood Council Fall Festival: Tyler attended the Fall Family Festival hosted by the Early Childhood Council at Havana Junior High School on Thursday, September 28th. There were several families who attended the event. Tyler provided mazes and coloring sheets for the children. The parents received bags containing a QR code to the Parent Survival Guide, a Resource Directory card, random Alcohol Campaign materials (info cards), and tchotchke items.

ROSC Recovery Walk: Tyler helped with the Logan County ROSC Recovery Walk at Scully Park in Lincoln on Saturday, September 30th. There were around 40 attendees at the event. A few people in recovery spoke about their experiences with addiction and how they overcame their struggle. A walk around the courthouse and jail took place during the event. Food was provided by Blue Dog restaurant. There was also music and resource tables. There was no Recovery Walk in Mason County this year, but the hope is to have them in the future.

HAPT Cookout: The HAPT cookout will be on Saturday, October 28th at the IGA parking lot in Mason City. John, Diane (maybe Donna), Laura, Daryl, and Cathy will be at the cookout. John's church group made about \$250 when they hosted a cookout at the IGA. Diane plans to bring a tip jar labeled "Havana Prevention Team." The plan is to arrive at 9:15; that should give us enough time to set up. It is best if four to five people can work at the cookout. John can run back and forth to get the meat. There will be a whiteboard to write "Havana Area Prevention Team." Tyler will drop off the HAPT banner at IGA, since he will be with a police officer helping with the Drug Take Back event. IGA gives a cash box with change, and it's our job to go back in and ask for more change. IGA sets the prices. The dry erase board will work to write down the prices.

Drug Take Back: Tyler will be helping a police officer from Mason County with the Drug Take Back event on Saturday, October 28th. The first destination is the IGA parking lot in Mason City, which will take place from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The next destination is The Lodge in Manito from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m. The final destination is Old Oney's parking lot in Havana from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Alcohol Campaign: Schools will be receiving a large banner with an Alcohol Campaign message soon. This banner can be displayed in a location where the school believes most parents will be able to view. The Havana Fall Play is from October 27th-28th. For the Alcohol Campaign, we plan to place an advertisement in the fall play program.

Red Ribbon Week: The FCA doesn't have a president; it has a leadership team of five kids. One response to an email from the FCA group showed interest in teaming with the Prevention Team for Red Ribbon Week. We can get a meeting set up at some point. Grace is meeting with counselors in New Central on October 4th to talk about Red Ribbon Week activities. We may do the same thing as last year, which included large tablecloths for red tree ribbons, car ribbons, chalk messages, and PSA's. There was a dress up day that happened last year too. The FCA meets at 11:37 a.m. and 12:33 p.m. on a random day of the week. Debbie will ask if they can set up a meeting to discuss Red Ribbon Week for Havana High School. The group will find out what they would like to do. Last year there was \$100 given to each school in Havana. \$100 would be too much for the grade school and junior high school. We can base it off what the class sizes are this year. \$300 was budgeted for last year. The class with the most participation in Spirit Day wins the pizza party. We will stick with \$300 this year and provide as much money to each school as necessary.

Youth Prevention Education: Grace and Tyler are currently teaching *Too Good for Drugs* at Illini Central Middle School (6th and 7th grade). The program will be starting at Lincoln Junior High School (7th grade) on October 4th. New Holland-Middletown (6th and 7th grade) is currently receiving the program. Havana Junior High School utilizes their own staff to teach the *Too Good for Drugs* curriculum (6th and 7th grade).

Illinois Youth Survey: 2024 is an Illinois Youth Survey year. Currently, no Mason County schools are registered to have their students take the IYS. It is our job to reach out to school admins to encourage them to register for the survey, since the data is very important for determining current and future services to offer. The registration opened as of September 5th. Schools can take the survey any date

between January 3rd and the end of the school year. In the coming weeks, we plan to reach out to school admins to have them register for the IYS. The Midwest Central Middle School intends to register for the survey and reach out to Midwest Central High School to register as well.

Additional Feedback/Updates: Adam just started at Chestnut and is working on the Substance Use Prevention Services grant. He worked at Path Crisis Center for five years. Adam has been living in Colorado for the past few years. Adam is pursuing his master's in Public Health. He plans to work in community education and engagement in the future.

With the Mason County Coordinating Council group, we are hoping to host a health fair with the community next semester.

Hidden in Plain Sight went well the past couple of years for the HAPT group. We had it in March at the junior high for the past two years. We also considered doing it at the high school as well. We could possibly set up an actual room on the stage at the high school. We can look up dates that would pair well with having the event at the high school.

Trunk or Treat is happening this year. Skye Mibbs may be the person to talk to regarding Trunk or Treat. It is likely on Friday, October 27th.

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

Next Meeting

November 7th, 2023, at Spoon River College (Havana)

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

Mason County Resource Directory Website: www.masoncountyresources.org

Mason County Coalition Website: www.masoncountylprevention.org