

Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

April 2nd, 2024

Attendance: Jeanette Davis, Stephanie Howerter, Grace Irvin, Tristan McGrew, Catharine Reavley, Diane Stelter, Dominic Valenti, Tyler Wenger, Debbie Yetter

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

Treasurer's Report: The current treasurer's report should be listed at \$2,197.42 as \$100 was donated for prom. Before the May meeting, Diane will call Richard for the treasurer's report.

Life Skills Class: Daryl, Becky, and Grace met last Friday, March 29th to discuss the logistics of the Life Skills Class. Grace made phone calls to gauge interest in former teachers teaching life skills classes. Three CPAC members (Betty Edison, Nancy Robertson, and Marilyn Stout). Nancy plans to focus on nutrition and Marilyn will focus on etiquette. Becky Hart will also teach a class about mental health and utilizing building model planes to work through challenges. The Life Skills subcommittee plans to meet again to solidify classes. The dates of the classes are June 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th and the times are TBD. Grace will build a flyer for the Life Skills class. Daryl plans to travel around the area to stores to see if they are interested in sponsoring a snack or incentive to get kids to participate in the class. The plan is that if a student attends all the Life Skills days, they will be entered in a raffle for an individual pool pass for the whole summer. All students will automatically get a day pass if they make every day of class. It would be helpful to have a snack for every day of the class as well. Cathy mentioned that Rebekah's may pitch in on the snacks. As the Life Skills class dates get closer, HAPT may donate money for food as well. The plan is for the fee to be \$10 to participate; the distribution of entrance fees will be \$5 for attendance and \$5 for funding the snacks. A poster/flyer will be given out through the Mason County Coordinating Council, HAPT, the high school, the junior high, the grade school, and Spoon River College. As for the times of classes, we are tentatively thinking 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; times may fluctuate depending on the needs of those teaching the classes. Because HAPT does a pool night every summer, we are thinking of having a pool night at the end of the classes in June. For the Life Skills Class, we plan to make 24 students the limit; the hope is to have 20 students participate. Half of the last day of the Life Skills class (June 13th) will be at Spoon River College, and the second half of the day will be at the football field for flying airplanes that the students have created. There may be funny rewards for the airplanes the participants create, and judges for the rewards may be needed. The class will be open for those entering 4th grade through 6th grade for the 2024-2025 school year.

Alcohol Campaign: Direct mailers for info cards will be sent to schools. If they do not participate in direct mailing, they will be asked to display the info card on a platform easily viewable by parents. An advertisement for the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) grant will be displayed at the Arlee Theater in Mason City. Krista will talk to the junior high to ask if direct mailed info cards would be an option. If so, Debbie's group at the high school can help with them.

Youth Prevention Education: Dominic and Tyler finished up Youth Prevention Education at Midwest Central Middle School in early March. They are currently in week 7 at Lincoln Junior High School and will wrap up in early May.

Illinois Youth Survey: Havana High School has completed the IYS and a report has been sent to the principal. The CPRD-IYS website shows that Havana Junior High School is currently registered, although it also shows that their survey administration date is March 22nd; Tyler will reach out to the school admin to make sure they have administered the survey. Illini Central Middle School/High School moved their survey administration date to April 25th; Tyler will also email the school admin to make sure they are prepared to administer the survey. The Midwest Central Middle School and High School are still not registered for the IYS.

Drug Take Back: Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The locations and times are as follows are listed below at the "Upcoming Times/Dates" heading. Tyler has emailed the Mason County Sheriff's Department to make sure that they plan to attend the event at the three locations. Tyler hasn't heard back, so he will plan on calling the office.

Resource Directory Cards: The Resource Directory cards are have been out for about three months at this point. Dominic is working on the Resource Directory, which is about three-fourths of the way done. Some links are needing to be updated on the directory.

Conversation Starters: Chestnut will plan to give Debbie Chinese boxes for the high school group to work on conversation starters. Chestnut will drop the boxes and questions off for Debbie the next time they are in town.

Sticker Shock/Prom Posters: Debbie talked to the FCA group at Havana High School, and they came up with Tuesday, April 23rd for the Sticker Shock date. Daisy (the FCA president) reported several students

who were interested in participating. The time of Sticker Shock will start at 3:15 p.m. at Happy Hour. Debbie has the permission slips ready for the participants. Debbie will talk to the businesses for permission to do Sticker Shock at their location. Grace created a prom poster to send to Debbie to display around the school. The theme for prom this year is Garden of Glamour.

Family Resource Fair: The Mason Coordinating Council is hosting a Family Resource Fair on Wednesday, April 24th at Havana Junior High School from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The SUPS project at Chestnut, the ROSC project at Chestnut, and HAPT will be having an informational table. As far as information distribution for HAPT, we can give out brochures, give away a gift card, and we can bring an activity for kids to do. Tables and chairs will be provided at the event.

Scholarship: Debbie picked up the HAPT scholarships. Mr. Wherley opened up the scholarship participation to anyone. Debbie changed the essay to ask for an adversity the participant may have struggled with in their life and how they handled it. There are currently nine scholarships filled out. Richard mentioned that \$500 should be allotted to the scholarship winner. It would be nice to be able to hand out two scholarships, so we may wait to see if there's money that will be rewarded from the Windmill grant.

Additional Feedback/Updates: For graduation, we will plan to do positive messaging in the form of a fake diploma. This will be a piece of paper from HAPT that is rolled up and tied, similar to an actual diploma. Tyler will call Heaven Scent for positive messaging cards for the prom corsage boxes.

Upcoming Items/Dates: ROSC Meeting- Thursday, April 18th, 2024, via zoom (2:00 p.m.); Family Resource Fair- Wednesday, April 24th, 2024 at Havana Junior High School (4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.); Drug Take Back Day- Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at Mason City IGA Parking Lot (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.), Manito Lodge (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), and Havana Old Oney's Parking Lot (1:00 p.m. – 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: May 7th, 2024, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom

Motion to adjourn: 1st- Krista; 2nd- Diane

Mason County Resource Directory Website: www.masoncountyresources.org

Mason County Coalition Website: www.masoncountyilprevention.org