

Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

August 6th, 2024

Attendance: Grace Irvin, Tristan McGrew, Cathy Reavely, Diane Stelter, Dominic Valenti, Tyler Wenger, Daryl Weseloh, Colin Witt, Debbie Yetter

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

Treasurer's Report: A Treasurer's Report was not provided at the meeting. Recent HAPT expenses include the Pool Party, Movie Night, and stamps for Chestnut. Debbie will email Richard to have a Treasurer's Report by the next meeting.

Alcohol Campaign: Chestnut has been attending school registrations and orientations to distribute parent prevention bags. This puts the Resource Directory, Parent Resource Guide, and other prevention information in the hands of parents. Chestnut has or will be attending LCHS's freshmen orientation, Illini Central's 6th grade and freshmen orientation, Havana's registration, and LJHS's open house. A poster will be distributed to schools at the end of August. Also, an Alcohol Campaign banner will be given to all public schools at the end of August.

Illinois Youth Survey: Illinois Youth Survey county reports should be available on the IYS-CPRD website in the fall (typically in September). Because only Havana Junior High School and Havana High School administered the IYS, there will not be a county report for Mason County. However, Chestnut plans to set up meeting with school administrators to review school-specific data for the Havana schools and meet with non-participating schools to discuss barriers.

School Registrations: Havana's school registration is from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 8th. Dominic and Tyler will be there to pass out bags of prevention information to parents. Diane plans to attend the registration for a chunk of the time. Debbie will be there to hand out enrollment packets and provide chatterboxes for the parent bags.

HAPT Pool Day: The HAPT Pool Day will be on Thursday, August 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Diane plans to hand out popsicles to the kids that attend.

Resource Directory: The Resource Directory is continually being updated and polished. All of the

resources are up to date.

Mason County Coordinating Council Fall Health Fair: The Mason County Coordinating Council Fall Health Fair is scheduled for Friday, October 18th. The backup date is scheduled for Friday, October 25th. The health fair will be taking place during the school day. The Mason County Coordinating Council did not meet in July, so no time has been solidified yet. More information and details on the health fair will be provided at the Mason County Coordinating Council meeting in September.

ROSC Recovery Walk: Tristan mentioned that the Recovery Walk in Havana will be on Saturday, September 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Recovery Walk in Lincoln will be on Saturday, September 7th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A survey will be sent out for agencies to sign up for a table. It is planned that HAPT will host a resource table at the Mason County Recovery Walk. At the event there will be three or four speakers sharing their recovery story. There will be a moment of silence and a walk around the area. The ROSC is also hosting a free pool day on Friday, August 9th from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is a free swim for anybody in the community.

ROSC Focus Group: The ROSC is putting together a stigma reduction campaign. The campaign will include the distribution of materials. The ROSC is conducting focus groups for feedback on the materials. There are different designs that ROSC would like to have honest feedback on. This must be done by August 15th. Tristan will reach out to Stephanie to find out if a day works next week to host a focus group at Spoon River College in Havana. The point of the campaign is to change how people frame recovery.

Recruitment: Grace mentioned that she attended a training about coalition recruitment and retention. HAPT can create an elevator speech to help recruit people to join the table. The training also talked about by-laws and updating them regularly if needed. The last time these were updated for HAPT was in 1997. It would be good to review the by-laws since they haven't been updated in a while. This may also mean updating the mission statement and goals. The mission statement will be emailed out to HAPT to come up with a concise elevator speech. Grace plans to create a postcard to hand out and pin in the community, which lists the coalition website link. The coalition website link and QR code would be on the postcard. The text may read like, "Are you willing to serve?" Short, concise information is important to have on the postcard. Friday, September 6th is an opportunity to distribute the postcard to the community at a parade taking place in Havana. The parade is either at 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. ROSC

and HAPT can share a table at the parade. Grace will send a draft to the HAPT group. This will be ready by the next HAPT meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd.

Additional Feedback/Updates: The chatterboxes were delivered to church youth groups as they were willing to pass them out to older youth. Debbie took some chatterboxes to the library and at the free family movie night. We plan to place some chatterboxes in the parent bags at Havana's school registration.

Daryl mentioned that the postcard could be placed on counters at the library and at the schools for parents to see.

Upcoming Items/Dates: ROSC Meeting- Thursday, August 15th, at Hope on 5th (Lincoln) or via Zoom (2:00 p.m.); ROSC Recovery Walk- Saturday, September 14th at Riverfront Park (Havana); Mason County Coordinating Council Meeting- Tuesday, September 17th, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom (9:30 a.m.)

Next Meeting: September 3rd, 2024, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom (4:00 p.m.)

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

Mason County Resource Directory Website: www.masoncountyresources.org

Mason County Coalition Website: www.masoncountyilprevention.org