

Havana Area Prevention Team Meeting Notes

June 4th, 2024

Attendance: John Deuwer, Grace Irvin, Cathy Reavely, Daine Stelter, Dominic Valenti, Tyler Wenger, Daryl Weseloh, Krista Wilcoxon, Colin Witt, Debbie Yetter

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

Treasurer's Report: The total amount for the Treasurer's Report last month was \$4,539.24. This total probably has not changed much, except for the \$500 scholarship that was handed out to two recipients.

DARE Graduation: The graduation went very well. There were a lot of parents present at the graduation. Diane gave a speech representing HAPT.

National Prevention Week: National Prevention Week took place on May 13th-17th. Unfortunately, for several schools, the week took place during finals or while the seniors were on summer break. Debbie distributed wristbands and handed over the Public Service Announcements to be read twice/day during the week for Havana High School. A few other schools in Logan and Mason County participated in National Prevention Week activities. Activities included positive messaging chalk art, public service announcements being read twice/day, a spirit week (specific t-shirt/clothing to be worn on certain days), and a lunch table, distributing wristbands, info cards, lanyards, sunglasses, pens, and chapstick.

Graduation Positive Messaging: Fake diplomas promoting positive choices were rolled up, tied, and used for the Havana High School graduation practice.

Life Skills Class: The Life Skills Class will not be happening this summer. There were only two students who signed up for the class. The plan is to do it next summer. To incentivize students to sign up, we could survey students to find out what they want to learn about and what activities they would like to participate in. Diane mentioned that collaborating with the library to gather more participants may be helpful. It was also mentioned that a barrier may be that potential participants may anticipate the Life Skills Class to be similar to school, which may discourage them from participating right after school gets out.

Alcohol Campaign: The last posters for the Alcohol Campaign this school year have been distributed to the school in mid-May. There will be a boosted Facebook post on coalition social media pages (CPAC, HAPT, and LMH) on June 15th. During the summer, Chestnut will plan out the Alcohol Campaign for FY25. It will be helpful to gather feedback from HAPT on the proposed plan for the Alcohol Campaign this coming school year.

Illinois Youth Survey: Both Havana High School and Havana Junior High School completed the Illinois Youth Survey this spring. According to the IYS-CPRD website, Illini Central Middle School/High School's status is labeled as "registered," not "completed." Illini Central's date of survey administration was April 25th, but Chestnut has not heard back from school admin if the survey was indeed completed. In the fall, a county report will be available for the public to view. Illini Central High School/Middle School had a principal change for this past school year. This next school year, they will again be changing principals.

HAPT Cookout (June 15th at Mason City IGA): The HAPT cookout will be on Saturday, June 15th at the IGA parking lot in Mason City. Those who plan to attend include John Deuwer, Carl Deuwer, Diane Stelter, Cathy Reavely, and possibly Diane's sister. The plan is to arrive at the IGA 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. John mentioned that Carl and John will be there between 9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. The plan will be to start grilling around 9:30 a.m. Food will be sold starting around 10:00 a.m. and go to around 12:30 p.m. It would be helpful to have a minimum of five people to help with the cookout. We can ask Laura Perkins to see if she can attend. It would be great to hand out chatterboxes at the cookout. Chestnut will provide 50 bags for the chatterboxes to be handed out to customers.

HAPT Pool Day: Last year, the HAPT Pool Day happened the Thursday before school started. This year school starts on August 21st. The plan is to have the HAPT Pool day on Thursday, August 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The total cost for the pool day will be \$175. If we prefer to have the pool day during the afternoon (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) it would cost \$300. Motion to have the HAPT pool day on August 15th, which will cost \$175- 1st (Cathy); 2nd (Krista).

Conversation Starters: Diane will take chatterboxes to the Havana Public Library. Chatterboxes will be handed out during First Fridays in Havana; Tristan McGrew will be manning a table for the Chestnut ROSC project. Tristan will be manning a table for the next two Fridays in Mason County.

Scholarship: Krista and Debbie met to review the scholarships, and both agreed on the top person who deserved to be the winner. Two recipients were rewarded with a scholarship.

Additional Feedback/Updates: Grace mentioned that the Substance Use Prevention project will be having their budget cut. It was asked that HAPT can pay for the stamps that were used for direct-mailed Alcohol Campaign info cards and Life Skills flyers. HAPT will plan to buy four rolls of stamps for \$272. Motion to have HAPT pay for four rolls of stamps, which will cost \$272- 1st (Krista); 2nd (Daryl).

Upcoming Items/Dates: HAPT Cookout- Saturday, June 15th, 2024, at IGA in Mason City; ROSC Meeting- Thursday, June 20th, 2024, via Zoom (2:00 p.m.); Mason County Coordinating Council Meeting- Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom (9:30 a.m.)

Next Meeting: July 2nd, 2024, at Spoon River College (Havana) or via Zoom (4:00 p.m.)

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

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