

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Warren County Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2022
8:45-10:30 am

Attendance

In person: Shelley Brown, Miranda Lamb, Tracy Funke, Rich Bertagna, Amber Spaeth, Michele Courter, Tim Tepe, Pat Clark, Cathy Feinauer, Zach McDaniel, Jody Smith, Brittany Rhodes, Jennie McConnaughey, Lori Phelps, Samantha Gray, Robert Wendling, Arla Tannehill, Jackie Hunter, Tommy Koopman, Brian Russ, Mary Ann Detmer, Stephen Hill, Laura Loftin, Trisha Schulz, Joel Jacobs, Vikki Stickelman, Megan Crouch, Roy Lutz, Shelby Russell, Abby Wallace, Wynnette Boykin, Sarah Hayden, Ann Brock, Monica Thomas, Kim Sellers, Robert Peeler, Carol Lucio, Shishir Bhamidipati, Abhiram Podili, Khusbu Patel, Laurel Wang, Matt McLaughlin, Victoria Billman, 3 members of the Hope Squad

Livestream: Gloria Kinney, Barry Riley, Katie Wolf, John Cummings, Sarah Cox, Stan Jackson, Tanya Cornett, phone # 19374755319

- Breakfast and networking 8:45-9:00 am
- Introductions were made in person and online as Shelley kicked off the December meeting
- Joel Jacobs, Chair of the Faith-Based Committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He spoke about the newly developed faith committee, encouraging people to join and invite others. Faith Based Committee is meeting 12/2 at Faith Building Church for lunch and training from 11-12:30pm.
- Shelley, Director, led an activity involving colors that demonstrated the variety of personalities we have working together at the coalition.
- Shelley introduced two new executive members, Katie Wolf serving as Secretary, and Michele Robinette, serving as Treasurer.
- Miranda gave an update on newly revamped social media presence. She demonstrated the new additions to the website and encouraged people to like and follow the Facebook page to increase engagement. Noted that the SAPC social media is also working to interact with the social medias of coalition partners to boost their interaction as well.
- Student representatives from Mason High School shared about their experiences with peer-led prevention. Students provided a Kahoot on tobacco facts and passed around copies of their school newspapers. Goals for the youth led prevention include decreasing vaping and smoking at school and getting the parents involved in their prevention efforts coming forward. Expressed challenges related to getting ahold of administration at Mason Middle School to bring Red Ribbon Week and youth-led prevention to the middle school. Working toward getting a Spring activity established for the students to participate in. If anyone has events or opportunities for the Mason students to be involved in, they are hungry for more prevention involvement within the community, including attending city council meetings.

- Megan Crouch, Safe on Main, provided an update on the Youth Summit coming up on 12/8 at River's Crossing Church from 8:30am-1:15pm. Volunteers are still needed for the Youth Summit – sign up to volunteer at the link on the website. Roy Lutz mentioned that there is a podcast called Prevention Nation where youth share their perspectives on substance use in their communities first hand.
- Shelley gave a few more announcements. The next full coalition meeting will be Thursday, January 5th downstairs in room 128. Please note that the December coalition meeting will be the last meeting where the live zoom option is available. Going forward, meetings will be video recorded and uploaded on the coalition website for individuals who cannot attend meetings in person.
- Carol Lucio, Regional SADD chapter, updated that December is national driving impaired awareness month. Carol noted that cannabis impaired driving is outweighing other substances 3 to 1. Don't use and get behind the wheel of the car, period. Shelley noted even prescription medications can be dangerous to take while driving. There is an event coming up at the Monkey Bar handing out ride share gift cards to reduce impaired driving.
- Shelley then dedicated time for a 5-minute meditation to center ourselves and realign. It is nice to take a short break for mindfulness, especially as the holiday season kicks off.
- Shelley Brown, Director, thanked everyone for coming to the meeting both in-person and online. She asked that participants reflect on whether their expectations or goals for today's meeting were met.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am. Additional time for networking and socialization was provided at the end of the meeting