



Tuesday, November 21, 2023  
11:00am-12:00pm

## MEETING MINUTES

1. Attendance: (21)

In Person:

Dan Hutchison  
Mark Knott  
Kat Houghton  
Heather Creasy  
Bree Polk  
Melissa Parson  
Holly Clark  
Deb & Craig Loddeke

Via Zoom:

Carla Huelsman	Julie Pohlmann
Naomi Fulton	Mandy Ocepek
Morgan Isaiah	Jessica Palazzolo
Toni Randall	Deb Beckmann
Beverly Holland	Rachel Chruszczyk
Patrick Miller	Nellie Baity

2. **Speaker:** Melissa Parson, New Vision at St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton, IL (see attached powerpoint slides)

3. **Sub Committee Reports:** (we need people to serve on committees and help with our work!!)

A. **Education & Prevention**- Heather Creasy-Chairperson:

- Illinois Youth Survey update: As of 11/21/23, we have 4 schools signed up: Bartelso Elementary, Willow Grove Elementary, Carlyle High School & Germantown Elementary. For the data to count, we need more schools to sign up! A suggestion was made to ask D.A.R.E. officers to ask schools to do the IYS. Also discussed putting a summary of the 2022 IYS data in local newspapers so parents and community can see results. Craig brought up a comment Judge Gruenke made to him at Celebrate Life event: "....75% of crime is related to substance use; 1/2 of the other 25% is indirectly related..." Prevention benefits our community.
- Too Good For Drugs program offered by HYFS is now in Breese and Okawville Elementary. Program available for more Clinton and Washington County schools to participate in. Contact HYFS.
- In the News for November (see attached)
- Statewide Semiannual Overdose Report, IDPH-October 2023 (see attached)
- Fentanyl is now in 7 out of 10 pills!! Was 4 of 10, then 6 of 10. Community education is needed, especially with youth.

B. **Law Enforcement**- Ken Sterner-Chairperson: no report/not present

C. **Treatment & Recovery**- Cara Loddeke/Alicia Moesner- Co-Chairpersons (not present but sharing info):

- TASC-Permanent Supportive Housing Program: reached out to this group but our contact has left employment and a new person is coming on. Will try to reach out to them again to see if they could come to a future meeting to talk about their program.
- Brainstorm free places we could host PLE Advisory Group meetings that don't serve alcohol or have gambling

D. **Family Support**-Craig Loddeke-Chairperson:

- Facebook Page - "Family, Friends and Addicts Stronger Together".
- PAL Group meeting weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm.
- Family Support Network update: few calls coming in. Craig has yard signs if anyone wants one or more to put out in the community.

E. **Finance**- Deb Loddeke-Chairperson:

- Budget update -\$1500 in TAC checking account + ROSC funds. We need to spend 1/4 of the ROSC funds soon. Executive Committee needs to meet to discuss this. Waiting for new f/t person to join TAC team.
- Communities Talk Stipend – issue was resolved and newspaper ads have been paid. We can apply again in January.

F. **Marketing**— Craig Loddeke-Chairperson:

- Celebrate Life event wrap-up; possible date for next year is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Form planning committee for 2024 event. If you would like to help plan the event or have suggestions to improve the event, reach out to Craig.
- Facebook presence increased again! Last month we reported 630 followers. We are now at 755!
- Instagram-Follow us: take-action-coalition

4. **Gap Analysis:** what are gaps in service in Clinton County? Any ideas on how to lessen the gaps?? Anyone need recovery supports help with anything right now? Know anyone we need to reach out to? No comments due to meeting running over.
5. Successes for the month? Challenges for the month? No comments as meeting was running over.
6. **Additional Information/Announcements:** Anyone else have anything to share? No comments.

The next meeting will be held in person/hybrid via Zoom on: **December 19, 2023**  
Breese Activity Center, 419 S. Clinton, Breese, IL

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