

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 8:00 a.m.
Metropolis City Hall
Minutes

1. Welcome
 - a. In Person- Toni Miller (Executive Committee), Laken Gallo (Guardian Family Services), Harry Masse (Metropolis Police), Robbin McDaniel (Executive Committee), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (DFC Coordinator), Jordan Strong (ROSC Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (Prevention and Recovery Assistant)
 - b. Zoom- Jade Chew (IL National Guard Counterdrug), Michelle Buckley (Oxford House), Steve Miller (Civic Sector Representative), Mary Smith (Executive Committee), Beverly Holland (ROSC), Mike Deno (House of Care), Dave Park (Kiwanis), Debra Beckman (SROSC)
2. Approve Old Minutes—No changes were made to the minutes. Harry Masse made a motion to approve them, and Toni Miller seconded it. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.
3. Executive Committee Report—There is still a vacancy on the Executive Committee due to Summer Dixon stepping down due to a job change. Her term is ending in August, so whoever takes her place would have to be voted in now and in August. With that, the Executive Committee has decided to take the summer to fill that position, and they will start with the new term in August. Please let us know if anyone has suggestions for someone to fill that position.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability
 - a. Golf Tournament - May 30- We are still taking hole sponsors throughout the day, as we will need signs made for those who have not done it before. We still need volunteers to help on the day-of. Robbin and Toni said they would be there, and Steve Johnson will also be there. We are still taking in Teams as well. There is a flyer and link on Facebook for those who need it.
 - b. Super 5K - June 12- This week is the deadline for sponsorships for the 5K, as we will need to finalize T-shirts. We are set up with To The Finish Timing to do Chip timing for the race. We are also doing awards for the top 3 and age group divisions. We need volunteers to cover each intersection. Chief Masse let us know there are vests we can check out at City Hall, and Toni said Kiwanis still has their vests we can use for the volunteers. We are trying to find cones to help block the intersection, but they will most likely all be used for the Superman Celebration. Holland House will do a water table at Washington Park, and Banterra Bank will be at Dorothy Miller Park.

5. Prevention - Jasmine

- a. Youth Advisory Council- The 24-25 YAC has ended. Both Councils had a fantastic year. Joppa YAC's last meeting was full of excitement for next year. They were planning on who to bring in next year and what they could do to expand the group. Also, shout-out to two Joppa YAC members for making it to the National Beta Convention in Orlando this summer. MCHS YAC's last meeting celebrated this year's point winners and next year's leadership team. The point winners are: Senior- Cooper Stratemeyer, Junior- Chase Straetmeyer, Sophomore- Natalie Kowalcik, Freshman- Devin Harris. Next year's Leadership team is: President- Reese Thompson, Vice President- Emma Hollis, Officers- Avery Mounce, Chase Stratemeyer, Kinley Logeman, Allie Unzueta, Landon Blanchard. CGTI is from July 13th to 17th, and we are taking 10 MCHS YAC members. Holly and Jasmine will accompany them to Eastern Illinois University. We are excited to see how much YAC grows in both schools next year.
- b. Prevent Child Abuse Event Recap—On April 24th, we had an amazing event in front of the Superman Celebration. Many new agencies and organizations helped make this event bigger and better this year. The after-school programs were there, as was the Gear Up Youth Program. Others noticed we had more parents with their kids. We also had some quilters from Paducah and tourists who got to join in on the fun!
- c. Drug-Takeback Recap- April 26th, we were at the Metropolis Police Department with Arrowleaf, Senator Dale Fowler, and Representative Patrick Windhorst collecting old prescription medications from the community. Chief Masse reported that we got 11 pounds that day. He was surprised we had that much because their new prescription drop box has been consistently full since they put it up.
- d. Future Focused Recap- May 9th, We had another amazing event. We had M&P Presentations speaking to the 8th graders about being themselves and being confident. The Youth Advisory Council also had their own session this year. They rapped about nicotine, did a skit about peer pressure, and had a PowerPoint slideshow about alcohol, nicotine, and marijuana, and even talked about the Youth Advisory Council and why they should join next school year. Jasmine did the debrief, and she thinks it went well overall. The Scenarios had good reviews overall, and it was great to see many community members and agencies coming together for that session. We had some negative feedback regarding the funeral home not being there, but that was one way of getting away from scare tactics, as they are not evidence-based. We didn't have a judge due to him not being available, but we hope next year he will be there to take some pressure off of the State's Attorney table.

6. Recovery - Jordan

- a. Recovery Council- Meetings are going well, and we had 4 attendees on zoom for May's meeting. We have started a contact list to send out email reminders and the link every month to increase participation. Our monthly meeting has been replaced by the other two outings we have had so far, but we chose to keep this

month's as we are approaching events and need the next few meetings to work on the planning for those. We had our Community Clean Up May 3rd and had a good turnout with 5 participants from the council. We were able to get 4-5 bags of trash picked up from near and around the railroad tracks-we plan on doing it again in the fall with more planning on logistics. Chief Masse said the interstate ramp is always brought up as having litter, and police could bring trucks so we could throw the collected trash in the truck bed as well as have police presence for safety.

b. Upcoming Community Events

- i. Superman Celebration Volunteers- We need a few volunteers for our table at the celebration. We worked out our staff schedule and are in need of a volunteer for one shift on Friday, two on Saturday, and one on Sunday.
- c. Overdose Awareness Event - August 28 - The national overdose awareness day is the 31st and falls on a Sunday this year. In order to keep from tipping into Labor Day weekend and encourage as much attendance and participation as possible, we will hold this event at the courthouse as usual and use the ribbon yard signs placed on the courthouse steps. We will have a couple speakers to share which will be determined as we get closer to the event.
- d. ROSC Impact Report- This is the last deliverable we have to submit to IDHS/SUPR for FY 25 and it requires us to create a report showing how the work we have done over the last fiscal year has impacted our community here in Massac. We have information already concerning numbers and increases that we were able to track in different ways through events or programs/projects we have implemented. We are looking for input from the coalition to be able to include what coalition members have noticed as far as positive change and impact made here through the ROSC's work over the last year. The Recovery Council was asked at the last meeting and had a lot of great input that was more general and broad, covering the community's awareness of the possibility of recovery from a person in need of recovery as well as just other community members. It was discussed that the representation of people in recovery as well as different events to acknowledge and celebrate recovery has drawn attention to this and increased support. Chief Masse mentioned the police department has had a decline in the amount of Narcan they have administered. We already have the Narcan distribution increase listed to include and can utilize this information as another angle of the impact it has had. Laken (GFS) mentioned the ability to be able to connect to the Resource Center to get information about resources and treatment that are available as being a major impact on our community.
- e. Laundry Day Update- We have continued to have great success with these as outreach events but have struggled with increasing costs and weaning sponsorships. The laundromat has been sold and the new owner Patrick Howell has reached out to Holly to indicate the desire to continue this partnership and work out some kind of break for us financially for these days. Holly mentioned he had confirmed the details as being for every \$100 we spend they will kick back

\$50. This is another impact our ROSC's work has made in the community that has made a change and will be included.

7. Recovery Resource Center - Lasha - We have maintained connection with a few participants in long term treatment that are on the last couple months of year long programs. We were able to connect with a new participant to help meet a need for a hearing they had to complete.
8. Public Comment/Other-
MCDAC's Annual Meeting is coming up in August, when we try to change anything. We have been discussing ways to increase meeting engagement to hear from more coalition members. It has been mentioned to change the time to a 12-1 meeting, as many meetings in town are during that time frame. We had fantastic attendance when we had the DEC meeting at 12, and we would love that at our monthly meetings. We will discuss this throughout the summer to make a decision by August.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:07 a.m., May 21, 2025,
Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 8:00 a.m., Metropolis City Hall