

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
Metropolis City Hall

MINUTES

1. Welcome
 - a. In person- Robbin McDaniel (Exec Committee), Laken Gallo (Guardian Family Services), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep), Tracie Key (Youth Serving Org. Sector Rep), Charles Tate (Exec Committee), Terra Temple (Media Sector Rep), Matthew H. (Community member), Toni Miller (Exec Committee), Steve Johnson (Exec Committee), Harvey Baxter (Sheriff Dept), Morgan Holt (Exec Committee and Business Sector Rep), Avery Mounce (YAC member), Landon Blanchard (Youth Sector Rep), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (Prevention Coordinator), Jordan Strong (Recovery Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (Recovery Navigator)
 - b. Zoom- Steve Miller (Civic Sector Rep), Kerie Rumsey (Government Sector Rep), Mary Smith (Exec Committee), Mike Deno (House of Care, Amber Mulkins (Arrowleaf), Debra Beckmann (ROSC Statewide)
2. Approve Old Minutes- There were no changes made to the old minutes. Harry Masse made a motion to approve the minutes, and Robbin McDaniel seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.
3. Executive Committee
 - a. Chair, Secretary, Treasurer Recognition- The Executive Committee voted to continue the roles that were already in place from last year. Toni Miller as the chair, Morgan Holt as Secretary, and Steve Johnson as Treasurer. Thank you to these members of the Executive Committee.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability- We currently have no upcoming fundraisers. And we wanted to thank Bridge Church for their donation for the Recovery Walk. We are very grateful for their support.
5. Prevention - Jasmine
 - a. CGTI Recap- Avery Mounce, a Senior who did the PALS (Peers with Advanced Leadership Skills) track, and Landon Blanchard,

who did the High School Participant track and received the Spirit of CGTI Award, came to the meeting to share their experiences. Avery spoke about her time in PALS, which was a hands-on learning experience focused on improving CGTI participants' time, becoming a Staff member, and running and facilitating meetings. Her favorite part was the Action Team Meetings, where they could apply their learning from CGTI to make a difference in their own community.

Landon Blanchard talked about liking the Discussion group times the best. He was put in a group of all girls and no one he knew so being able to connect with people and learn from what they do in their schools was very impactful for him. Landon participated in the talent show 3 times: once with his discussion group, once by himself playing the piano, and once with the MCDAC group doing the Cha Cha Slide along with Avery.

Landon received the Spirit of CGTI award out of roughly 300 other students. Adult Mentors, Youth Staff, Volunteer Staff, and IABH staff nominated participants for this award. We were very proud of his accomplishments at CGTI and can't wait to see what is next for both of these students and our YAC.

b. Youth Advisory Council

- i. MCHS YAC- They are currently looking at setting up a table for the football Homecoming Game. This is still being decided on due to the number of members we have who will be occupied by something that night. We're hoping to get some parent handbooks, bracelets, and MCDAC representation at the game. YAC is planning Red Ribbon Week this year and deciding on activities that will work better than morning handouts, as mornings can get hectic. Avery was able to talk about her idea, which we plan to start in the next couple of meetings, called Mythbusters. She wants to change the myths surrounding substance use through a true or false poster event, and possibly include some magnifying glass keychains for attendees to pass around. We currently have about 60 members in the MCHS YAC.
- ii. Joppa YAC- They are working on a Suicide Prevention messaging around the school. Due to the smaller school, the lockers are labeled, making it clear whose is whose. This way, they can create individual Post-it notes for each student, letting them know someone sees and appreciates them for being awesome. We currently have about nine members in the Joppa YAC.

- c. Red Ribbon Week- October 27-31- Theme is “Life is a Puzzle. Solve it Drug-Free.” We currently have all the items for the week: Bracelets, Ribbons, Pencils, and Stickers. We will be packing the items on October 7th at 4 pm at the Girl Scout House.
- d. Upcoming Events
 - i. Drug Takeback - October 25- We are looking at doing the National Drug Takeback day again at the Metropolis Police Department from 10-12.
 - ii. Trunk or Treat - October 25- The Police Department does a Trunk or Treat every year. It will be at Fort Massac Park by the Visitor Center, at 5 pm, and set up is anytime that afternoon. Last year, they had about 3,000 kids at the event!

6. Recovery - Jordan

- a. Recovery Council-There was a huge turnout at the last meeting with 19 people in attendance, most were 1st time attendees. This large number was due to a member sharing the information and encouraging people to come. We repeated an outreach geared towards getting resources and information out to homeless individuals at the end of last month. This outreach included packing some essential items plus resource information and walking to potentially cross paths with individuals and make contact with them. This was successful and we will continue to do this regularly with no set schedule. Our recovery council meetings will now be held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, with the exception of our quarterly outings.
- b. Overdose Awareness recap- This went well. We had many new people that attended this event for the first time. The speaker was also a member of the recovery council that shared her recovery story for the first time. Next year we will have a candle light vigil again. Audrey was also able to connect with Charles from Bridge church with another opportunity to share her story at their church.
- c. Recovery Walk - September 20, Fort Massac, 10-12- This Saturday we will host the 3rd Recovery Walk here in Massac County. We have several agencies that will be present with information about what they offer as a resource. We will have food- BBQ from Fat Edd's, chips, and drinks.
- d. Project update- The two new projects for this fiscal year have begun. The first being the Overdose Response Project that consists of bags put together that include Narcan and local resource information for substance use treatment/recovery support. The bags will be given to all first responders, crisis

programs so that they may leave them behind where they see fit. We have given Massac County Mental Health Clinic 20 bags to start with. We have the Police Department and Sheriff's Department on board with and will be delivering the bags in the near future. The second project that we have is the Employment Assistance Project that has an end goal of hosting a recovery friendly job fair sometime in the spring. We have started talking to businesses and have had positive responses so far with employers interested in participating. We want to make all the applicable information available for each business even if there won't be a representative physically there. Having computers where attendees can apply on the spot or paper applications if they have a current position open.

7. Resource Center - Lasha

- a. Donations- Lasha acknowledged those who have donated various items over the month: Toni, Morgan,
- b. Center Updates- The connection to the courthouse and being present has been very productive and made a positive impact.
- c. SMART Recovery Meetings- Wednesdays 4:30, Fridays 1:00 PM

8. Public Comment/Other

- a. MCDAC has a part-time job posting for a Prevention and Recovery Assistant, 20 hours a week. The job is posted on our website and on Indeed.
- b. Gear Up Youth has their open house and ribbon cutting on Thursday, September 18 at 5.
- c. Massac Memorial Hospital, the Health Department, and many other organizations are hosting their health fair on October 4th from 10-1.

Harry Masse made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robbin McDaniel. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, 12:00 p.m., Metropolis City Hall