

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, November 19, 12:00 p.m.
Metropolis City Hall
MINUTES

1. Welcome
 - a. In Person- Steve Johnson (Exec Committee), Olive Markus (YAC Member), Karigan Smith (YAC Member), Charles Tate (Exec Committee), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep), Josh Stratemeyer (State's Attorney), Tracie Key (Youth Serving Sector Rep), Matthew H. (Volunteer), Zeb New (Massac County Mental Health), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (Prevention Coordinator), Jordan Strong (Recovery Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (Recovery Navigator), Maron Penrod (Prevention and Recovery Assistant)
 - b. Zoom- Mary Smith (Exec Committee), Beverly Holland (TA Region 5 Rosc), Mike Deno (House of Care), Kerie Rumsey (S7HD), Amber Mulkins (Arrowleaf), Robert Newman (Massac County Mental Health), Brittney Hale (Birth to Five)

2. Approve Old Minutes- No Changes were made. Harry Masse made a motion to approve the old minutes, and Charles Tate seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed.
Motion Passed

3. Executive Committee- All will be covered in the agenda.

4. Fundraising/Sustainability
 - a. Donations- There have been no donations since the last meeting.
 - b. Josh Stratemeyer announced that there will be some county money coming from the opioid settlement that they have provided to MCDAC before. MCDAC uses the money to partially fund the Recovery Resource Center.

5. Prevention - Jasmine
 - a. Youth Advisory Council
 - i. MCHS is currently 72 members strong. They have created posters for the Junior High. They are currently working on a Mythbusters campaign that was created by Avery Mounce. This campaign will be looking at the common myths in Massac County High School and refuting those claims. The Policy Group in MCHS has begun. We will be working on learning about advocacy and how to create and move forward with a policy.
 - ii. Joppa YAC just finished making posters for the school about tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana.
 - b. Red Ribbon Week Recap - This year's theme was "Life is a Puzzle. Solve it Drug-Free." We were able to give items to 1352 students in 65 classrooms in 6 schools. The YAC passed out bracelets, ribbons, and pencils, which help those students be seen in the school as being drug-free, and hopefully, these students

will be utilized if any student needs support in quitting. Jasmine read the winners of the Red Ribbon Week Essay Contest. We had 16 winners from 5 schools.

- c. Event Recap- On October 25, we partnered with the Metropolis Police Department on two events. First was the National Drug Takeback Day. We did receive any old meds. It was mentioned that MPD has a drop box now that they have emptied it 3 times since they got the box, which could be why there was not a turnout. We always have a better turnout in April with Senator Dale Fowler and Representative Patrick Windhorst. The second event was the Trunk or Treat held that evening. This event went well as we gave out candy to roughly 1000 plus youth and had 4 YAC volunteers help.
 - d. Drug-Endangered Children Alliance - The next meeting is Dec. 3 at 12 p.m. at the Massac County Unit 1 office.
6. Recovery - Jordan
- a. Recovery Council- Attendance for these meetings has spiked recently. We've had over 15 people in attendance at the last few. A new meeting structure has been implemented and going well. We have members sign up to serve in roles as Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The first Chair, Matthew, facilitated the last meeting-lots of good discussions took place. We hosted our last outing at Camp Ondessonk and the next one will take place on January 22 and will be a paint class. We decided on a theme but not the specific picture we will be working on. We will have a flyer for the next coalition meeting.
 - b. Community Survey- These are used to help develop our community needs assessment as well as the strategic plan for our ROSC work. The raw data from the surveys and the strategic plan is due 12/30. We're asking that surveys be submitted by 12/22/25. Jordan and Maron went door to door at Spence Apartments recently and were able to have a lot of good conversations with residents and get several surveys completed. Plans to go door to door at other complexes are underway.
 - c. Donations needed
 - i. Hope for the Holidays- This is the project where we assemble bags for the people in the Massac County Jail over Christmas. We do put a couple snacks and other items in the bags but the main goal is to get positive, inspirational recovery-oriented material and information on all available resources into the hands of the individuals being held. We have had a few people reach out after having been released since we have done this project the last three years. Flyers with items needed for donations are available and the deadline is December 18th.
 - ii. Laundry Days- We have a need for detergent to provide during these events. Any and all detergent types and sizes are welcome and appreciated. We have had several churches donate to the laundry days as well as other groups such as the Ministerial Alliance, and Baptist Association.
 - d. Project update

- i. Overdose Response- We have given out 70 bags to the three partners: Massac County Mental Health Crisis team, Metropolis Police Department, and the Massac County Sheriff's Department. They will be distributing these bags to individuals who may have a use for the information and resources in them. We will be tracking emergency department visits for overdoses along with tracking the number of bags distributed by each participating agency.
- ii. Employment Assistance- The tentative date for the job fair has been set for April 16th with no set location yet. The Recovery Council has had a lot of good input for this project and we are also going to have an interview clothing fair the days leading up to the job fair along with the opportunity for individuals to prepare and print a resume for the fair. We already had a good response from the employers that have already been spoken to with several more on the list. The intention is to help prepare individuals with a positive experience in job hunting and help them secure employment.

7. Resource Center - Lasha

- a. Center Updates- The amount of participants has increased a lot in the past month with 17 total. 8 of those were returning participants for regular sessions, 3 were new, 6 justice involved with court referral. We were able to provide 3 rides to recovery that were needed through our volunteer base and Lasha engaged with participants in roughly 18 sessions over the last month. As a reminder our office is open for individuals to come in just to warm up, use a charger, the clothing closet, make a meal, do a load of laundry and utilize peer services if interested. SMART Meetings are also held every Wednesday @ 4:30 and Friday @ 1pm.

8. Public Comment/Other

- a. Southern 7 Health Department - IL Tobacco Line- Kerie Rumsey reported that they are looking for places to refer to the Quit line, which will help those who are looking to quit tobacco use through nicotine replacement and counseling.
- b. Metropolis implemented Smoke and Vape-Free parks for all the city parks. Metropolis has also implemented a Kratom ban within the city limits. Kentucky has implemented a statewide ban. Also, a federal ban on THC Derivatives will begin in November 2026.
- c. Josh Stratmeyer reported that he has seen multiple psilocybin (mushroom) chocolate bars that they have prosecuted.
- d. The Police Department is seeking donations for their Shop With a Cop event and for the SAFE fund that provides other children's events throughout the year.
- e. Kerie Rumsey wants to start an EYPC group in Joppa, and Jasmine is using the same material for MCHS and will be in contact to see what we can do.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m. Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 12:00 p.m., Metropolis City Hall