

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

1. Welcome
 - a. In person- Charles Tate (Exec Committee), Matthew H. (Volunteer), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep), Terra Temple (Media Sector Rep), Toni Miller (Exec Committee), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (Prevention Coordinator), Jordan Strong (Recovery Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (Recovery Navigator), Maron Penrod (Prevention and Recovery Assistant)
 - b. Zoom- Tracie Key (Reaching for Kids), Kerie Rumsey (S7HD), Stephen Miller (Civic Sector Rep), Mary Smith (Exec Committee), Robert Newman (Massac County Mental Health), Steve Johnson (Exec Committee), Johanna Gonzalez (ROSC)
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 - Met last week. All will be covered in the meeting.
4. Fundraising/Sustainability
 - a. Donations- We have received donations from: Dianne Burrus, Super City Cleaners, Massac County Opioid Settlement, Massac County Drug Forfeiture fund, Janet Steichen, Maggie Allen, First Methodist Church, and Bridge Church. Thank you for your support.
5. Prevention - Jasmine
 - a. Youth Advisory Council- Both the MCHS and Joppa YAC were able to celebrate Christmas this month and do some icebreakers to come together as a group. The policy group at MCHS has started learning about policy and advocacy. We are prepping for the Springfield Advocacy day by debating the topics so they are ready with their own researched topics and information, and be able to refute ideas politely and with evidenced based information. Kerie Rumsey is trying to work on an EYPC group for Joppa. Jasmine has emailed Stephanie Wood, principal of Joppa, to initiate that conversation, but neither of us has gotten a response.
 - b. Drug-Endangered Children- The DEC Alliance had a meeting on December 3rd. We have decided that we need more information in Massac County on what the issues are. We will be working on a Needs Assessment focused on the DEC Alliance to look for gaps and issues on which the DEC Alliance can focus.

6. Recovery - Jordan

- a. Recovery Council-Meetings continue to be held twice a month starting again in January, due to holidays they were held only once in November and December. We did the community clean up discussed at last month's meeting and were able to make it to every park outside of Fort Massac as well as some other places that had been mentioned. We did pick up only trash as there were no needles or drug paraphernalia of any kind found. We will be looking at making this a regular project as long as members are interested in participating. The new format for the meeting is going well and we are working out any issues or areas of improvement as we go. We will host our winter outing January 22nd that will take place at the Community Center on 10th St. and will be a painting class again. The Recovery Council has picked out the subject for it.
- b. Laundry Days- These events are going great and we are always accepting donations on any kind of laundry items to make sure we are able to continue them. Patrick and Kelly continue to match our spending and we have received monetary donations as well that are appreciated.
- c. Hope for the Holidays Bags - These bags will be taken to the Massac County Jail on December 22nd to be distributed to the individuals being held there during Christmas. We have 25 bags made, we were informed of 18 inmates currently, we try to send extra for individuals that may come in those couple days prior to Christmas. This is the 4th year we have done this project , but we did change the name this year to better convey the purpose of the project.
- d. Project Update-Overdose Response Project is going well. We have distributed over 50 bags to the participating agencies: Metropolis Police Department, Massac County Sheriff's Office, and Massac County Mental Health Crisis team. The long-term plan for this project is to continue tracking how many bags are given out and the number of emergency department visits for overdoses. We plan to begin developing a Good Samaritan Law educational campaign to ensure community members are aware of this and feel safe to call for emergency services if someone has overdosed.

The Employment Assistance Project is underway and the recovery friendly job fair has been scheduled for April 16th and will be held at the Gear Up Youth Center. We have a goal of 10 employers participating, with four confirmed to participate in different capacities. The days leading up to the job fair, we will have an interview clothing closet available as well as resume assistance for anyone interested in either of these resources. The long-term goal is to hold these job fairs every year and increase business participation as well as develop a recovery-friendly workplace educational campaign for any business interested.

7. Resource Center - Lasha Engagement with participants continues to be steadily increasing. Regular sessions with participants are now occurring more often. Smart Recovery meetings are still held Wednesdays 4:30 and Fridays at 1 pm

- a. Donations needed - hats, gloves, coats are needed as winter weather has brought on an increase in individuals needing more weather appropriate clothing items any donations are greatly appreciated.

8. Public Comment/Other

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 12:00 p.m., Metropolis City Hall