

Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 12:00 p.m.
Metropolis City Hall
AGENDA

1. Welcome

- a. In-person- Steve Johnson (Exec Committee), Charles Tate (Exec. Committee), Toni Miller (Exec. Committee), Robbin McDaniel (Exec Committee), Terra Temple (Media Sector Rep), Tracie Key (Youth Serving Org Sector Rep), Lucy Windhorst (YAC Member), Emree Mounce (YAC Member), Harry Masse (Law Enforcement Sector Rep), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (Prevention Coordinator), Jordan Strong (Recovery Coordinator), Lasha Vincent (Recovery Navigator), Maron Penrod (Prevention and Recovery Assistant)
- b. Zoom- Steve Miller (Civic Sector Rep), Beverly Holland (ROSC Region 5)

2. Approve Old Minutes- No Changes were made to the minutes. Steve Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes, Toni Miller seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Executive Committee- The Executive Committee met yesterday, all will be covered throughout the meeting.

4. Fundraising/Sustainability

- a. Donations-We had three donations this past month. Thank you to Martha Giles, Lutheran Church of the Cross, and Super City Cleaners.
- b. Golf Tournament - May 29- 1PM
- c. Super 5K - June 11- During the Superman Celebration
- d. Sponsorships- We are currently working through the joint sponsorship form and looking at how we may change it for this year. Sponsorships that are only the golf tournament, hole sponsor, or the name on the shirt was hard to track last year and we believe it would be easier to make it where you had to do both. The coalition members in attendance believed this would work and wouldn't have too many people upset about the increase of price of a hole sponsor or not having individual sponsorships.

- e. Location- It has been noted that the carnival has been brought back to the Superman Celebration, with this the 5K route will need to be changed from the route last year. The Executive Committee has brought up Fort Massac Park as the fees paid would be less than we originally thought it would be. We will have to double check the fees and what the percentage would be taken out of. It was also suggested to use Metropolis Elementary School, the Girl Scout House, or the ballfields as alternative starting spots.

5. Prevention - Jasmine

- a. CADCA Recap - Everyone- February 2-5 - MCDAC Staff went to the CADCA national Forum in National Harbor, Maryland and Washington, DC. We were all able to attend workshops, keynote speakers, and go to Capitol Hill to talk to our Representative and Senators.

Jasmine mentioned two of her sessions were about the substances being sold at gas stations and vape shops that are rising in popularity. These include kratom, kava root, mad honey, and tianepatine. Mad Honey is a hallucinogen sold in honey sticks typically near the front counter. Tianepatine is being called gas station heroin, as it reacts with your opioid receptors and is very addictive though is marketed as a Dietary supplement.

Holly talked about finding out the week after we went that marijuana supporters are trying to push the THC Derivatives Ban set for November 2026 back another 2 years. Though we found this out late we were able to talk to Representative Bost about the ban as he is on the agriculture committee and he is in support of the ban. She also talked about a session she went to that talked about how to collaborate with local hospitals. Other coalitions had partnered to create folders for the discharge papers to go in that had information that could be given out as a way to reach more people. They talked about being able to mesh what you are wanting to do with what they are already doing.

Lasha mentioned that the Capitol Hall meetings were eye opening for her as she was able to represent what we have been working on and educate the legislators as they showed concern for what is going on but needed more information and they were happy to receive it.

Jordan talked about her session with Dr. Bertha Madras who studies psychedelics and educates people on the harms of these substances. Jordan's

favorite statistic counters the argument that “it’s natural so its safe.” There are 300,000 plant species on this earth and only 300 are safe for human consumption. She also went to a session on the Overdose Fatality Review Board. She was interested in this session as she has been invited to participate in the Southern Illinois Overdose Fatality Review Board. The board has people submit their stories of an overdose fatality and the board reviews their full story looking at all the gaps in service that could have prevented that fatality, then give suggestions to fill the gaps.

Maron explained that this was his first CADCA and he was excited to be able to get the information and bring it back to our small community and make change. His favorite part was Capitol Hill Day as it was his first time at our nation’s capitol. His favorite session was the DEA presentation talking about the services they provide like drug takeback day in which they are now able to take vapes but the batteries have to be removed. They also have parent focused resources like getsmartaboutdrugs.gov .

- b. Youth Advisory Council-
 - i. MCHS is currently still working on the Mythbusters posters to educate their peers on the real truth of Alcohol, marijuana, and nicotine use.
 - ii. Joppa is planning a theme week for National Drugs and Alcohol Facts week. Their theme is Level Up you Life Drug Free focusing on different types of games as it resonates with the entire school in different ways.
 - iii. The policy group at MCHS are going to Springfield on February 24th and 25th to talk to legislators about Kratom, THC Derivatives, and prevention funding.
- c. Child Abuse Prevention Event - April 17- 3:30-5pm- This event will be located infront of the Superman Statue on Market Street, if it rains it will be held at The Space beside Thor’s Gym. We are still looking for vendors for this event to set up games and information, we are not selling anything at this event.
- d. Future Focused will be held at the Junior High on the morning of May 8th.

6. Recovery - Jordan

- a. Recovery Council- Meetings are continuing to go well. We had our painting class outing last month and had several new in attendance that have been regularly participating in the council. We have been working on doing another community

clean up as a volunteer opportunity, but do not have a date set yet. These meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 5 pm at the MCDAC office and zoom is available for people to attend virtually.

- b. Project Update- The overdose project is going well, we have added Massac Memorial Hospital as a new partner in this project to make the bags available to people coming into the emergency department that they feel could use the information and resources. The other participating agencies include the sheriff's department, the police department, and the Massac County Mental Health Crisis Team. We have also dropped some bags off at the Haven House apartment office. We are continuing to track the bags given by each participating agency. The employment assistance project is moving along, we have a location and date set for April 16th 10am-1pm at the Youth Center in Metropolis. We have several businesses that are on board so far and look to continue adding more. We will have laptops set up at the job fair and all the information on participating businesses to help individuals fill out applications. We will be offering assistance with resumes and interview clothing at our office the days leading up to the job fair, and haircuts will be available on 4/14 from 10am -2pm.
 - c. Laundry Event - new 10th Street location - February 26 - We are trying out the new location to see how the laundry event goes there to possibly alternate between the two.
 - d. Bowling Event - March 6 - Free bowling, arcade games, and food at Metropolis Super Bowl.
7. Resource Center - Lasha - Participants are still increasing and peer services have been steady. Working with the court system is going really well. SMART recovery meetings continue to be held at 4:30 Wednesday and 1 pm Fridays.
8. Public Comment/Other -none.

Motion made by Steve Johnson to adjourn the meeting, Toni Miller Seconded. All in favor, none opposed, Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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