Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 12:00 p.m
Metropolis City Hall
MINUTES

1. Welcome
    a. In-Person- Robbin McDaniel (Exec Committee), Charles Tate (Exec Committee), Tracie Key (Reaching For Kids), Harry Masse (Metropolis Police Department), Landon Blanchard (Youth Advisory Member), Chloe Higgins (Youth Advisory Member), Terra Temple (Metropolis Planet), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (Senior Prevention Coordinator), Danielle Schwarzrock (Recovery Navigator), Maron Penrod (Prevention and Recovery Assistant).
    Zoom- Samantha Bandy (Take Action Today), Patrick Windhorst (State Representative District 117), Mary Smith (Exec Committee), Stephen Miller (Kiwanis), Laken Gallo (Guardian Family Services), Beverly Holland (Statewide ROSC).

2. Approve Old Minutes- No changes were made to the minutes. Harry Masse made a motion to approve the minutes, and Robbin McDaniel seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

3. Executive Committee- Committee Member Lexi Collins has received a new job and is unable to complete the rest of her term. The term has 2 years left and if anyone is interested in filling the position email hollyw@massacdrugawareness.com or call (618) 524-1393.

4. Fundraising/Sustainability
    a. Donations- We have received a donation from Super City Cleaners as they have continued to match us on half of what we spend at the laundry days. We have also received a stipend of $5,000 from the RCORP at Rural Health. Lastly, we have received a donation from Big Johns from leftover money they had not picked up from the golf tournament.

5. Prevention - Jasmine
    a. Youth Advisory Councils

        MCHS has a total of 44 students and they are currently planning for suicide prevention month. Natalie Kowalczik is creating a plan of getting posters and stickers from Generation Lead to pass out at MCHS. Katie Bishop is leading the group that will be planning Red Ribbon Week for the month of October. We have two youth who were chosen by Illinois Association of Behavioral Health to be CGTI Youth Ambassadors this year: Chloe Higgins and Landon Blanchard. Chloe says that she was very excited to be a teen ambassador for the second year in a row and that the summer went well at CGTI. Chloe says that at CGTI she was able to participate in workshops, activities, social media, and other projects. There are a total of 11 teen ambassadors this year statewide. Landon says that he was able to take a lot from the action team meeting at CGTI and that is what helped plan the 5th quarter event. Landon says that events like CGTI strengthen youth councils.

        The 5th Quarter Event was a success. A total of 44 students came to The Youth Center after the football game on September 11th to have food, play games, and hang out with friends. Of the 44 that attended, 20 were YAC members, and 24 were other students. We thank Rosemary Baxter for letting us use the Youth Center.

        Joppa has a total of 8 students and they have already planned out the 1st semester. Tomorrow, Joppa YAC members are creating posters with positive notes on them to “take one and pass one”. Red Ribbon Week is in October, and Joppa YAC members have planned dress-up days and a presentation on “What is Red Ribbon Week?” will be given to the elementary students. These Joppa YAC members are also planning a peer pressure presentation to give to the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in November. November 13th is World Kindness Day, and the YAC students want to write notes to the teachers and place them on their cars. December is impaired driving prevention month and the Joppa YAC members want to create notes to put on cars to prevent impaired driving.

    b. Red Ribbon Week- Planned for the last week of October and the theme is “Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free.” Kids will receive ribbons, pencils,

bracelets, activity books, and stickers. We will be doing the essay contest for 4th-6th graders about what this year's theme means to them. YAC members will be partnering with the Reaching For Kids program to help with the teacher kit packing day on October 6th.

6. Recovery - Holly
    a. Recovery Council- The council members have started volunteering in the community and council members have been enjoying volunteering at the community garden. We have a new RecoveryCorps member, Danielle Schwarzrock, and she has taken over as the new Recovery Navigator. Danielle will be presenting to the Recovery Council about the benefits of self care and having a wellness plan. Council meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.
    b. Recovery Walk- Our Recovery Walk is on September 19th from 10:00 a.m -12:00 p.m. and will be held in Fort Massac State Park. The Recovery Council has created a backdrop with purple and teal handprints for picture opportunities. We have a total of 16 organizations that will be participating in our resource fair at the Recovery Walk. A council member will be sharing their recovery story and we will be raffling a $100 gift card from Big Johns. The Recovery Walk will also have games, food, and t-shirts available.
    c. Overdose Awareness- Our Overdose Awareness event was on August 31st and it went really well. We appreciate everyone who attended and we thank our speakers Jeriann Hale, Harry Masse, and Harvey Baxter. Purple ribbons were made available to anyone who wanted to write a message or someone's name for overdose awareness. We had 16 purple ribbons placed at the event.
    d. Community Survey- We have a community survey going on right now and we have a total of 37 surveys completed. We have a goal of 200 so we would appreciate it if everyone could fill out a survey. The survey is due at the end of December.

7. Resource Center- Holly.

    Danielle is our new Recovery Navigator. She took over for Lasha due to Lasha having moved to the Recovery Coordinator position.
    a. Support Meetings-

i. We are no longer holding meetings for SMART Recovery due to low attendance. Another type of meeting to fill the time is welcome if a volunteer will run the meeting.

ii. Adult Children of Alcoholics & Dysfunctional Families- The ACA meetings are going well as far as participation. Multiple people from across the country attend the meeting via zoom. The ACA meetings are every Thursday at 4:00 pm at the MCDAC office.

b. Donations- Robin and Steve have made a food donation to the Resource Center. We thank them for their donation.

c. Numbers- We ran some numbers from September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026. There have been 27 new individuals who have visited the resource center. There have been 6 individuals who have came to the center for food, 8 for clothing, and 9 for hygiene. One individual has retained getting services for 3-6 months, and 6 or more individuals have retained getting services for 4 months. Holly mentioned that the individuals who have visited the resource center have primarily been in between the ages of 30 - upper 60s, and we have had nobody in their 20s visit the resource center.

8. Public Comment/Other-

a. The Homecoming parade is on October 2nd, and Homecoming is October 3rd. The Trunk or Treat will be held on October 24th. Lasha and Jasmine will be giving a presentation at Shawnee Correctional Center to 16 people on Friday, September 18th. The presentation will be on SMART Recovery strategies and Recovery Oriented Systems of Care. There will be a suicide walk on September 26th at Dorothy Miller Park. Massac Memorial Hospital is having a health fair on October 14th. Chloe Higgins will be presenting on a new initiative that she has been working on with another youth called “The Effects on Them”. The initiative will shine a light on children who have been affected by parental/guardian drug use.

The Meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

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