Massac County Drug Awareness Coalition
Monthly Coalition Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 12:00 p.m.
Metropolis City Hall
AGENDA

1. Welcome
    a. In-person - Robbin McDaniel (Executive Committee), Tracie Key (Reaching For Kids), Steve Johnson (Executive Committee), Charles Tate (Executive Committee), Terra Temple (Metropolis Planet), Lucy Windhorst (YAC Member), Bryce Blankenbaker (YAC Member), Avery Mounce (The Effect on Them), Chloe Higgins (The Effect on Them), Holly Windhorst (Director), Jasmine West (Senior Prevention Coordinator), Danielle Schwarzrock (Recovery Navigator)
    Zoom - Laken Gallo (Guardian Family Services), Steve Miller (Kiwanis), John Oberholz (Counterdrug), Autumn Crawford (Southern 7 Health Department), Toni Miller (Executive Committee), Clarissa Johnson (Unity and Brookport School Nurse), Lasha Vincent (ROSC Coordinator), Maron Penrod (Prevention and Recovery Assistant)

2. Approve Old Minutes- No changes were made to the old minutes. Robbin moved to approve the minutes. Tracie seconded the motion. All in Favor, none opposed; motion carried.

3. Executive Committee- Lexie Collins had to resign from the Executive Committee because of a new job. The Committee voted on Kaley McGinnis from General Assistance to fill that position.

4. Fundraising/Sustainability
    a. Donations - Thank you to Powers Church and Bridge Church for their donations. Super City Cleaners also continues to donate back half of what we spend on the laundry days.
    b. Acees Give Back at the Pump - April 2027- Holly announced that she signed MCDAC up for April 2027 for the Acees Give Back at the Pump. We will advertise this more on our Social Media as the date gets closer.

5. Prevention - Jasmine
    a. Youth Advisory Councils- The MCHS YAC is working on Red Ribbon Week; they will do a pencil handout on Monday and tie ribbons to people's backpacks on Thursday. We are waiting on approval of dress-up days from Mr. Windhorst. We have a Be the Difference: Youth Advisory Day coming up on November 10 at the Youth Center. Massac County Mental Health will speak on how to be a supportive friend and support others' mental health, and Dennis Trask from Chestnut RSUPIC will speak about leadership types. Joppa is also working on the Red Ribbon Week; they will be presenting to elementary students to explain Red

Ribbon Week and also go over keeping your body and mind healthy, peer pressure, and how to be a good friend.

b. 5th Quarter Recap- On October 2nd, after the Homecoming game, we had our second 5th quarter event. We had 42 students attend, which is only 2 less than the first one. We had some different students in attendance each time. Lucy and Bryce reported that the other kids liked it, as it was a wind-down from the game and they could talk and hang out with food and games.
c. Red Ribbon Week- The theme is “Make a Difference, Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free.” On October 6, some MCHS YAC Members and Reaching For Kids Students created the Teacher kits for all the classrooms. The students seemed to really enjoy knowing that they would be getting the kits that they put together.

6. Recovery - Holly
    a. Recovery Council- Participation in the Recovery Council has been going well. We have started asking council members to volunteer in between meetings for a giftcard. They have been able to volunteer at the COPE Garden and the community dinner every Monday.
    b. Recovery Walk Recap- September 19, we hosted the Recovery Walk at Fort Massac Park. We had 9 organizations there, and about 50 attendees. Recovery Council member Adam Zace shared his story and it was also covered in the newspaper. We suspect the extremely hot weather did not help attendance that day, but we thank everyone who came out to celebrate recovery. Also, thank you to Robbin McDaniel, Toni Miller, and Billy and Betty McDaniel for helping with the barbeque sandwiches. We have also been able to attend the Suicide Walk, Massac Memorial Hospital Fall Health Fair, and Mt. Horeb’s Homeless Outreach that handed out food and clothing.
    c. Community Survey- The Survey link went out yesterday with the reminder for this meeting. Please send or forward it to your organizations, businesses, or friends to help us reach our goal. Our goal currently is to reach 200 completed surveys; we are currently at 80 as of Monday.

7. Resource Center - Danielle
    a. Support Meetings
        i. Adult Children of Alcoholics & Dysfunctional Families - Thursdays 4:00- This meeting has been going very well and has a strong Zoom attendance. We were asked to bring some to Massac County Mental Health to help advertise to clients who may be looking for a meeting to attend.
    b. Donations- The Resource Center has been busy with participants seeking treatment and hygiene bags. Thank you to the Metropolis Police Department for restocking our hygiene bags. We are looking for more tents, winter clothes, and accessories for both men and women as the weather starts to cool down.

8. Drug-Endangered Children - The Effect on Them - Avery Mounce and Chloe Higgins-
   We will continue to add the Drug Endangered Children section on the agenda due to no longer having the separate meetings for the DEC alliance, so there is always a spot for DEC if anything comes up or an organization wants to share something going on. To go along with the Drug Endangered Children Alliance topic, we invited Avery Mounce, a YAC alumni and Chloe Higgins, a YAC leadership member, to talk about an initiative they have created called the Effect on Them,
   Avery and Chloe went to the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute this past summer, and all they were seeing was the effect of drug use on the person who was using, nothing about families or the people around them. They started thinking that they wanted to share their stories as two youth who had grown up with addiction in their households and how it affected them and continues to affect them every day. They want to use their stories and others' to help youth that might be going through the same thing, to show them they do not have to be their parents, and the stereotypes as a child with parents in addiction don't have to influence who they are as they grow up. They also want to present to the parents and community members to show how their use can affect the youth in their house. They are looking to present at the afterschool programs, DEC Lunch and Learn, and anywhere they could spread their purpose. Follow them on Social media by searching “The Effect On Them.”

9. Public Comment/Other
   The Southern 7 Health Department has a new grant to give out transportation cards to anyone who needs them to get to appointments like healthcare, counseling, or meetings. Health Educator Autumn Crawford will have these cards and can meet people to give them out. Email getaride@s7hd.org or call 618-524-2657 if you or someone you know needs a card.
   Holly is a part of a coalition that has been meeting for the past 2 years to create recommendations for grants from the state opioid settlement funds. They have submitted one for Recovery housing that was denied. They also submitted one for smaller grants for resource centers and grassroots organizations; this was chosen to move on in the recommendations, so we hope to hear more about it soon. The coalition is currently deciding what the next recommendation should be, possibly another idea related to housing/sober living. If you have any ideas or want to be a part of these meetings, please reach out to Holly.

Meeting Adjourned, Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 12:53 p.m.
Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 12:00 p.m., Metropolis City Hall