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Jefferson County Drug Prevention Coalition

MISSION STATEMENT

"Motivating Jefferson County to change the culture of substance abuse acceptance."

VISION STATEMENT

"Empowering our community to make substance abuse prevention a priority; celebrating healthy lifestyles."

MEETING MINUTES: Wednesday, July 3, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. @ Jefferson College's Arnold Campus

Attendance: Jillian Bissell, JCDPC/JCHD; Alicia Towery, JCDPC/JCHD; Colton Baker, Comtrea; Ashley Gamino, Comtrea; Megan Steighorst, JCHD; Kristine Bogue, Jefferson College; Jeff Bogue, Probation and Parole; Leah Woods, CenterPointe; Heather Craig, NCADA; Stephen Sutler, Community Member; Lisa Uzzle, St. Louis Integrated Health Network; Kevin Koch, Walgreens; Amy Baum, CASA; Jamie McCarthy, Mercy; Jim Kausland, MEG Unit; Holli Gillam, Probation and Parole; Kristin Bengtson, NCADA; Tracy Smith, JCCP; Lauren Fischer, Christian Family Services; Terisha Friedman, New Vision; Doreen Page, Finding Grace Ministries; Cynthia Weber, American Addiction Centers; Sara Evancho, BJC School Outreach; Melody Quinn, STL PD; Jason Wang, The Medicine Shoppe; Elizabeth Ridgway, Student STL COOP; Kassidy Butcher, Student UMKC; Leslie Mendez, CASA

1. OPENING (10 min.)
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Welcome and Introductions
 - c. Approval of Minutes **Motion: Tracy Smith, 2nd: Lisa Uzzle**
2. Acknowledgements/Accomplishments – **Thanks to Amy @ CASA for bringing breakfast items; Jefferson College received a grant to do a communities talk event (alcohol focused); Mercy is working to get a waiver training; JCDPC finally got in shipment of personal lock boxes to be given out to the community for free!**
3. TRAINING/GROUP DISCUSSION (20 minutes):

Topic: "How CASA helps children of drug affected families" (Amy Baum) Amy Baum who is the Program Director of Jefferson County CASA gave a quick review about CASA for anyone that isn't familiar & Leslie Mendez said a little about her experience as a CASA volunteer. CASA stands for court appointed special advocate. CASA volunteers help children who have been affected by abuse and neglect by painting a better picture of children's lives for the courts and helps to make the best decisions for that child's life and well-being. The volunteers will check in on children they are assigned to, to make sure that their living conditions are adequate, and needs are being met. Volunteers usually spend about 10 hours a month, will fill out a little work and may attend a court hearing. There are 5 weeks of training needed to become a CASA volunteer. Currently CASA of Jefferson County has 70 volunteers serving well over 100 children, so they need more volunteers. They are also looking for board of directors members. CASA could definitely use more men to be volunteers for the boys who are in this system. Youth are given a CASA when referred by case workers and are seen as high need.

4. Reports (15 min.)
 - a. Executive Board- **No June EB meeting. Will reconvene on July 24th**
 - b. Teen Advisory Board (TAB)/Jefferson Foundation: **Working on Jefferson Foundation final reporting; Awaiting the proactive portfolio decision; 7 youth & Alicia to CADCA Mid-Year;**
 - c. Jefferson Foundation: Capacity Building Grant- **CADCA Mid-year Institute @ Dallas in July- sending 5 adults; Planning for advocacy training in November**



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- d. JCDPC- ***Planning meeting for Jefferson College's Communities Talk event (alcohol focused); Jillian & Alicia conducted a coalition sustainability webinar on June 26th for other coalitions; Addiction Is Real (AIR Group) has asked that JCDPC support them on an application they are submitting to Jefferson Foundation to bring their Mock Bedroom display to JC schools at no cost.***
 - 5. IMPORTANT UPDATES (15 min.)
 - a. General Coalition
 - b. Partners- ***Jack Petersen is conducting a free seminar on August 8th at 7pm in Jefferson College's Lecture Hall called College: Getting There from Here (free event & could be door prizes); Sana Lake treatment center in Dittmer scheduled to open on August 1st; The Medicine Shoppe in Pevely to review how their pharmacy can collaborate with JCHD & partners to promote patient safety associated with opioids (Elizabeth, Cassidy & Dr Wang); JCHD offering free Hepatitis A vaccinations***
 - c. Work groups
 - 6. ADJOURNMENT (10:00 a.m.)
- 10:00 – 11:00 Networking Opportunity offered at end of meeting

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Location: Jefferson College's Arnold Campus

Training Topic: **"Care Connections Updates" (Lauren Stone)**