

Substance Abuse Coalition of Kanabec County

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TUESDAY, August 1, 2017 (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.)
Kanabec County Jail Training Room - 100 S. Vine Street, Mora

Coalition Mission: *The Substance Abuse Coalition of Kanabec County promotes healthy choices in the community through prevention and collaborative partnerships for the reduction of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse among youth and residents.*

<p>Present</p>	<p>The meeting was held at the Kanabec County Jail Training Room.</p> <p>Alex Gerhardson (Law Enforcement), Zach Griffen (Law Enforcement), Marlin Harris (Faith), Cara Keinanen (Youth-Serving), Bill Swan (Law Enforcement), Mary Keller (Youth-Serving), Brittany Krippner (Other Organization), John Lindblom (Healthcare), Brian Marquart (Guest Speaker – Law Enforcement), Lenore Martens (Volunteers - Schools), Patti Miller (SACK Coordinator), Kari Moe (Co-Chair Youth-Serving), Doris Mork (Other Organization), Chaz Obrycki (Law Enforcement), Carol Peterson (Other Organization), Brian Smith (Law Enforcement), Judy Soderstrom (Faith), Joy Wuestenhagen (SACK Assistant) and Deb Wright (Healthcare).</p>
<p>Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Sharing Conference, Saint Cloud, October 19th and 20th. This conference provides learning, networking and skill-building opportunities to enhance alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse (ATOD) prevention efforts. By sharing effective prevention strategies and programs, presenters and participants learn from one another in this exemplary, two-day learning community. Two people are welcome to attend the October conference. Any coalition members that interested in attending the conference please contact Patti Miller. • The Better Together community event will be Thursday, August 10th, free lunch 11:00 – 11:30 in the park. Kanabec County Family Services will be there helping with activities. • On August 2nd, Recovery Hope Treatment Center is hosting a presentation from MOFA (Minnesota Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome). SACK members and community members have expressed an interest in scheduling another presentation from MOFA. MOFA works eliminate disability caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy and improve the quality of life for those living with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders throughout Minnesota. • SACK member, Judy Soderstrom attended a fundraiser event held by Tree House in Pine County, which was highlighted in the local Pine County paper. Tree House works with at risk teens by providing the youth mentors. • Coalition members were encouraged to provide any topics and/or presenters for future coalition meetings. • Members indicated interesting in engaging more pastors with coalition events. Pastor Marlin commented that he would present the idea to other pastors at the next Kanabec County Ministerial Association meeting. It was also suggested that maybe a joint group with the association and youth regarding substance abuse could be organized. • Members also showed interest in more information regarding Safe Passage of Illinois. The mission of Safe Passage is to promote the right of all to non-violent and abuse free relationships through advocacy, intervention and prevention in DeKalb County, Illinois.
<p>CADCA Mid-Year Recap</p>	<p>Patti Miller recently attended the 2017 CADCA Mid-Year conference which was held in Atlanta.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the conference there were breakout sessions on strategic planning and moving past DFC funding. • Since DFC Year 8 ending in September there was discussion regarding action planning. At next month’s coalition meeting there will be discussion regarding Action Planning for Years 9 and 10 which will include sustainability including funding, youth groups and community outreach. • Beneficial to have another person attend next year so that more sessions can be attended.
<p>Brian Marquart, MN DPS Drug & Gang Task Force</p>	<p>Brian Marquart of Minnesota Department Public Safety & Gang Task Force gave a presentation concerning drug trends in Minnesota. For a copy of his presentation, please contact Patti Miller.</p>

<p>Community Events</p>	<p>Tuesday, August 1st National Night Out Thursday, August 3rd 11:30 a.m. – 1: 30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, August 10th Positivity in the Park – Lunch in Paradise (Luau style) with fun games and prizes! 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If weather does not cooperate will be rescheduled.</p> <p>Thursday, August 17th Positivity in the Park – Basketball Game & Free Throw Contest before Movie in the Park at 8:30 p.m. 8:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, September 26th 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. Seminar - Warp Speed: Parenting and Working with Teens in a Digital Age with Jessica Wong, Hazelden Publishing Thursday, October 19th 8:00 a.m. – Friday, October 20th 5:00 p.m. 2017 Program Sharing Conference – Saint Cloud, MN</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Next month’s meeting: Tuesday September 12, 2017, 8:00-10:00 a.m.</p>