Drug Free Tipton

Board Meeting

August 18, 2022

9:00 AM

Tipton County Justice Complex

In attendance: Ben Dickey, Sierra Butler, Robin Racine, Hannah Yawn, Kirsty-Rhe Tiffner, Chief Turner, , Chris Morris, Michael Peeler, Robin Sealy, Sean Cullen, Olivia Graves, Justin Johnson, David Gwinn, Nick Sawall

Zoom attendance: Madelynn Ross, Chief Rudolph, Katie Coleman, Christie Jarvis, Tom Griffin, Paul Rose

Read Receipt: Mark Heaston, Danielle Faulk, Susan Hatfield, Chris Williams, William Daugherty, Scottie DeLashmit, John Combs, Leslie Owen, Thomas Griffin

Chris Morris welcomed everyone and opened the meeting, which was held as a hybrid meeting with a zoom option.

The July minutes were reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Ben Dickey and a second by Michael Peeler

**Important Information and Events: Robin Racine reported**

* First Football Game – staff has worked with Covington HOSA team to work on the parent TALK campaign at tonight’s Munford vs Covington Football game. Huge signs have been made with QR Codes. At half time of tonight’s game an announcement for parents will be made, students will walk around with the large QR Codes and allow parents to scan and sign a pledge to talk to their kids about substance use prevention.
* Lunch and Learn - September 21st at noon at the Drug Free Tipton Office in Crestview Middle School. The topic will be on Psychological First Aide Training. Please let staff know if you will be attending so they can have enough food. The sign-up sheet will be sent out via email.
* Heritage Day Festival - at the bottom of the agenda you can find a QR Code to sign up to volunteer for this event. The coalition is doing a traveling mural. Some of our high school groups are helping build this mural and kids who attend Heritage Day Festival and add to the mural. While kids are doing this, parents have an opportunity to sign a pledge on the back agreeing to talk to their kids about substance abuse. (This event will also be at Celebrate Munford, a sign-up will come available for this at the next meeting).
* Vape Classes- will resume on September 20th
* Schools- Coalition Staff will participate at upcoming school events. If any school needs something please reach out to the coalition.

**International Overdose Awareness Day- Kirsty-Rhe updated**

* Kirsty-Rhe recapped the format that we used last year to recognize those community members lost to overdose. This year we will continue to meet at the Methodist stairs the night of August 31st. This time will be a time of remembrance and we will have ringing of the bells and a moment of silence.
* In addition, we will have a remembrance time at noon on the 31st to bring more awareness. This event will be held at the Courthouse and we will have a time of remembrance. Mayor Huffman has signed a proclamation that will be reported at this time. We ask that coalition members where purple (and your ribbon) and come out and spread awareness. Both events are on social media and staff have postcards available at today’s meeting if you want to take some to hand out.
* There are also shirts made that can be ordered by BLANKZ. These shirts are specifically designed for Overdose Awareness Day. All orders need to be made by Aug 24 by contacting Blankz ((901) 243-7006 or blankz2orders@gmail.com) Payments can be made via Venmo or PayPal or in store. Shirts will be $12 for youth XS-XL and $22 for adult XS-XL.

**Project Coordinator Job Opening**

* We are sad to see Hannah Yawn leaving the coalition staff but happy for her next opportunity. In the absence of Hannah we have a project coordinator opening. The opening is on social media, we ask that you please share the post and pass along to anyone you know who would be great at this position.

**Community Awareness**

* TN Promise is open for high school seniors- this allows high school seniors to apply for scholarships to go to a two-year college or TCAT free of charge.
* TN Achieve Mentors are needed for high school seniors as they enter college next fall- you can go to TNAchieves.org to apply to become a mentor.
* PCS is doing a suicide awareness prevention event on September 10th. It is a sunset/evening (6:30 to 8 pm) event with a candlelight remembrance, drug take back, lock box handout, informational flyers, education, etc.
* September 7th and 8th- TBSN has a major event in Nashville. Speakers from SAMSHA will be present.
* September 15th- 8:30 to 12:30. Suicide prevention event in Memphis. Virtual and in person.
* City of Covington will be holding a beer board meeting next Tuesday, August 23rd at 5:30 at Covington City Hall. Family Dollar and C-Town Market are expected to appear for a license.
* Community Baby Shower August 31st at the Health Department
* Chambers 3rd Thursday event at 5 tonight at the Ruffin
* September 25th an ambassador program for the Covington-Tipton County Chamber will be held at Crumpys
* Ribbon cutting at nutrition shop on the square Saturday, August 20th

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes Submitted by Sierra Butler