

Highland County Drug Coalition
Thursday, August 24, 2017

Members Present: Heather Gibson, Charles Seymour, Sarah Cooper, Valeria Williams, Melissa Wheaton, Aaron Reynolds, Steve Browder, Gena Bates, Melinda Sheets, Tonya Sturgill, Barb Cole, Kimble Zornes, Janet Fair, Tori Priest, Jeff Gilliland, Sarah Fizer, Julia Wise, Pat Friel, R. Creed Culbreath, Tessa Rena, Erin Holsted

Chair Person: Heather Gibson

Approval of 07/27/2017 minutes: Motioned: Kimble Zornes Seconded: Barb Cole

Business Meeting:

- Heather presented the community Plan at the Rocky Fork Lake Alliance.
- Leesburg Police are now carrying Narcan
- Narcan is not available in the schools. There has been no interest so far.
- Hope For Highland Meeting on 8/29/17
 - 2017 Glow Run tentative scheduled for 10/14/16 – conflict with Taste of Hillsboro event. May have to reschedule.
- Red Ribbon Week 2017 - October 23-27 - National Theme: Your Future is the Key to Staying Drug Free.
 - Janet Fair with SPVMHC will chair this event for the coalition.
 - Dress up days will be as follows
 - Monday – “Wear Red Day”
 - Tuesday – “Put a cap on drugs” – Hat Day
 - Wednesday – “Sock it to drugs” – Crazy Sock Day
 - Thursday – “Turn your back to drugs” – Wear your clothes backward!
 - Friday – “Be on a drug free team!” – Wear your school colors!
 - Proclamation Signing with the County Commissioners date and time TBA
 - Coordinate the ordering of Red Ribbon Week supplies with all schools.
 - Melinda to help secure funding for supplies through the PVADAMH.
- Response Team received funding for startup from the Attorney General’s Office. Interact for Health has supplemental grant info available as well.
- Future Speakers
 - September - End Slavery
 - November – Person in Recovery
- Highland County Fair is September 2 – 9th. SPVMHC will have a booth at the fair.

Close of business meeting was motioned and approved.

General Portion: Welcome and introductions were made

Community Plans were reviewed.

- Guest Speaker: Julie Wise, HCCAO
 - HCCAO has a future grant opportunity in conjunction with Ross County to explore Appalachian poverty and increased drug and alcohol abuse. She needs to know if there are things that our community partners see that lead low income individuals to use drugs and alcohol.

Next meeting: September 28, 2017 Noon – 1:30