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**The Clay Counts Coalition
August Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
Stuart Administrative Center
Noon to 1:00 Lunch Provided**

Attendees: Lori Martin, Matt Weller, Wade Reh, Kathryn Doster-Tipsword Allie Fitzgeralds, Sofia Gallup, Melissa Petesch, Dana Rickley, Brian Martin, Melanie Musselman, Natasha Boggs, Tonia Graves, Brett Nelson, Nikki Burwell, Bethaney Phillips, Sharon Schilling, Kimberly Sanchez, Jenean Goulette, Jeanne Fancella, Ashley Delehanty, Lisa Last, Michelle Tessaro, Rev. Matthew Vathhauer, Marcia Campbell

Zoom Attendees: Ryan Duey, Jennifer Ebert, Audrey Waid

I. What I Can Learn Time

- A. "Responding to our Local Data" and "The Anxious Generation:" Matt Weller and Lisa Last
 - a. Matt will include the slide deck in an email to Coalition members

II. How I Can Contribute Time

- A. YLink Report
 - 1. YLink Retreat/ 25-26 Leadership Team
 - 2. CCCHS Fifth Quarter Events
 - a. First event will be Friday, Sept. 19 after first home football game
 - 3. We are hosting the State Convention on November 4th in Manhattan
 - a. Looking for volunteers to help with this, both students and adults
 - i. Talk to Lori if you are interested
- B. Resources Available Through the **Veterans' Administration:** Ashley Delehanty
- C. **Courageous Conversation: *Strong Feeling About Being Alive***
Taylor Johnson, Mental Health Comedian
 - 1. Tuesday, Sept. 2 @ 6:30 pm @ Rex Theatre
 - 2. Partnering with Clay County Arts Council for Soda and Popcorn
 - 3. Partnering with Pawnee Mental Health for Linger Longer Ice Cream Social
- D. **Gather for Good Day 9/18/25:** Matt Weller
 - a. Matt will have a table for both Clay Counts and the USD 379 Excellence Foundation on this day
- E. **Parenting with Love and Logic Class: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25**
 - a. We currently have half of the 20 slots filled
 - b. Love and Logic trainer Kayla Chaffee will this class



- F. **Loving Solutions/ Parent Project Report:** Lisa Last
- G. **Clay County Health Fair:** Allie Fitzgeralds
 - a. This is offered every two years
 - b. CCHD would like to offer this as a larger event this year
 - i. Saturday, Oct. 25 at the CC fairgrounds
 - ii. Looking for vendors; talk to Allie if you are interested
- H. **Community Garden Progress and Needs:** Nikki Burwell
 - a. There are lots of vegetables being harvested and distributed
- I. **August is Breast Feeding Awareness Month**
 - a. The KBC's "Breastfeeding Welcome Here" campaign is aimed at creating welcoming environments where breastfeeding parents can care for their children. If you would like to take the pledge to support this wonderful campaign, please visit [this link](#).
 - b. If you have any questions or concerns after registering, please contact Nikki Burwell or Allie Fitzgeralds at the Clay County Health Department.
 - c. Clay County is very close to being a Breast Feeding Friendly Community
- J. **Girls on the Run Program:** Sofia Gallup and Allie Fitzgeralds
 - a. Allie and Sophia are running this and are looking for others who want to be a coach
 - i. Contact Sophia if you are interested in helping coach
 - b. Begins Sept. 15 and Nov. 16 is the celebratory 5K
- K. **Courageous Conversation:** Movie *Can't Look Away* October 21st
 - a. More information to come at the September meeting
- L. **Action Items**
 - a. A motion was made to spend \$75 to include our logo on the back of the 150th anniversary T-shirts. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. A motion was made to spend \$1,450 for advertising at home sporting events at CCCHS in 2025-26. Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. The CCCHS Renaissance program is asking for \$500. The coalition is going to ask the program to present on what they will do with the money at the September meeting.

III. How I Can Help Time

- A. Serve as a Host or Hostess at Strong Feelings Night 9/2/25 @ 6:00
- B. Chaperone the YLink Fifth Quarter on Sept. 19
- C. Help with Child Care or Meal Prep at Parenting Class

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th @ Noon at the Stuart Administrative Center

- Lisa Last will give an update on the TeamMates program in USD 379

Our Mission



The Clay Counts Coalition exists to promote social, physical, and mental well-being for the residents of Clay County, emphasizing reduction of youth substance use and to foster a thriving environment in which to live, learn, and play.