



**The Clay Counts Coalition
September Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Stuart Administrative Center
Noon to 1:00 Lunch Provided**

Attendees: Lori Martin, Lisa Last, Jenean Goulette, Sharon Shilling, Brian Martin, Jeanne Fancella, Audrey Waid, Krista Thomas, Carly Bloomfield, Melanie Musselman, Kaylee Robinson, Allie Fitzgeralds, Kathryn Doster-Tipsword, Sofia Gallup, Dana Rickley, Ashley Delehanty, Rev. Matthew Vathauer, Bethaney Phillips, Cambreigh Howell-Key, Braylee Langvardt, Allie Lohrmeyer

Zoom Attendees: Alessia Carrales, Kimberly Sanchez, Jonathan Sapaugh, Arielle Kelly

I. What I Can Learn Time

The Story and the Success of the Teammates Mentoring Program: Lisa Last

1. Started in USD 379 two years ago; one of over 200 schools across the region who has a program and one of 12 in Kansas
2. Teammates is for EVERY student, not just those who are considered at-risk
3. USD 379 is currently the largest program in Kansas with 69 matches of students with mentors
4. Still have 21 students waiting for a match
5. 55 mentees improved academically last year, 91% had fewer discipline issues
6. If you are interested, contact Lisa Last at lisalast@usd379.org
7. Teammates is funded by Clay Counts

II. How I Can Contribute Time

A. YlinK Update:

1. 9/19/25 Kick Off Fifth Quarter Luau
 - a. This will take place after the game against Louisburg
2. 9/29/25 Bandana Squad Training
 - a. Used to train YlinK members about signs of suicide training
 - b. Held at Common Ground in Clay Center
3. 11/04/25 YlinK state conference at Manhattan (hosted by 379 YlinK)

B. Efforts to Honor Suicide Prevention Month: Lori Martin

1. Governor's Proclamation Ceremony
 - a. Lori, Matt, Allie, and Isabelle Blackwood attended the event in Topeka
2. Strong Feelings About Being Alive: Courageous Conversation on 9/2/25
 - a. Strong attendance! (153 people)
 - b. Thank you to CC Arts Council for purchasing the popcorn & drinks
 - c. Thank you to Pawnee for sponsoring the ice cream social

C. Resources Available Through the Veterans' Administration: Ashley Delehanty

- a. Ashley is a licensed social clinical worker, but now is focused on providing community-based efforts
- b. Over 1,000 of the 6,000 people in Clay County are veterans or family of veterans
- c. Ashley wants to help in any way she can with any of your efforts

D. Gather for Good Day 9/18/25: Matt Weller

- a. 52 funds participating this year (Clay Counts Coalition is one)
- b. In person at the Clay County Museum from noon to 8:00 pm that day



- c. If you do donate in person, you get to sign up for a drawing to get an extra \$50 to a fund of your choice
 - d. There is also an online option at gatherforgoodcc.org
 - e. The donation form also went out in the Regional newspaper
- E. **Parenting with Love and Logic Class** 9/4-9/25: Lori Martin
 - a. Partnering with Little Learners on these classes with parents
 - b. 13 parents are participating in the classes
- F. **Loving Solutions/ Parent Project Report:** Lisa Last
 - a. Lisa is not offering these this semester, but will be offering them again in the spring
 - b. Some are court mandated, but many are not; it is for any parent
- G. **Clay County Health Fair on 10/25/25:** Allie Fitzgeralds
 - a. CCMC is going to provide vendors at the event
 - b. Advertising is currently taking place (contact Allie if you are interested)
 - i. Window displays at businesses are available
 - ii. Pricing for each lab is included
 - c. The Clay Center Boy Scouts will provide a breakfast for this event
- H. **Prenatal Mental Health Training – 10/7/25**
 - a. Focused on those working with moms of new babies
 - b. A licensed social worker will be the keynote speaker
 - c. CCMC is providing a light supper for the event
 - d. Clay Counts has been asked to provide a mental health basket
 - i. A motion was made for Clay Counts to donate \$100 for this basket. Motion passed unanimously.
 - e. Registration can be found on Clay County Health Department website
- I. **Girls on the Run Program:** Sofia Gallup and Allie Fitzgeralds
 - a. Just started enrollment campaign (4 girls signed up right now)
 - b. They have space for 15 students, and 15 “running buddies” are needed as well
 - c. Girls enrolled in after school programs in grades 3-5 are eligible
 - d. Clay Counts is funding this program
- J. **Dispatch Student of the Month Sponsorship:** Melanie Musselman
 - a. The Dispatch sponsors a student of the month, which is nominated by the CCCHS staff and created by the CCCHS yearbook staff
 - b. Melanie asked for a sponsor for this feature
 - i. Each month is \$90 or \$810 for the year
 - c. A motion was made for Clay Counts to be a sponsor for the entire year (\$810). Motion passed unanimously.
- K. **Clay Counts members have been asked to attend and be part of the Clay Center Multi-Generational Life Center Ground-Breaking Ceremony**
 - a. This will take place on Friday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m.
- L. **Courageous Conversation:** Movie *Can't Look Away* October 21st
 - a. This is a documentary about how social media negatively affects our young people and the legal team who is bringing a lawsuit to these companies
 - b. A mother of one of the students who died by suicide (Amy Neville) is coming from Arizona to speak (only charging transportation costs)
 - c. Lori would like to show the video at the October Clay Counts meeting
- M. **USD 379 Unity Day**
 - a. We did this last year across the district and offered shirts for every staff member



- b. Lisa is asking for a donation from Clay Counts to cover the expense of any new staff member who needs a shirt or anyone who did not get the correct size
- c. A motion was carried to give up to \$500 to support this; Motion carried, unanimously

III. How I Can Help Time

- A. Chaperone YLink "Lei Off of Drugs and Alcohol Luau"/Fifth Quarter 9/19/25
- B. Help with Child Care or Meal Prep at Love and Logic Parenting Class
- C. Serve as a Host or Hostess @ Can't Look Away on 10/21/25
- D. Help With Community Health Fair/Drug Take Back on 10/25/25

Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 8th @ Noon at the Stuart Administrative Center

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.