



**The Clay Counts Coalition
February Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Stuart Administrative Center
Noon to 1:00 Lunch Provided**

IN PERSON ATTENDEES: Lori Martin, Matt Weller, Brett Nelson, Bill Robinson, Dana Rickley, Bryce Dolan, Sophia Gallup, Kathryn Doster-Tipsword, Melanie Musselman, Izzy Blackwood, Natalie Murato, Lisa Last, Allie Martin, Nikki Burwell

ZOOM ATTENDEES: Elisa Nehrbass, Arielle Kelly, Maleah Bronson, Ryan Duey

I. *What I Can Learn Time*

- A. Bryce Dolan from the Clay County Medical Center and Dana Rickley will Present on the Community Health Assessment
 - a. Community Health Assessment was administered in 2024
 - i. Only 1.9% of Clay County residents responded, so CCMC is looking for ways to improve this in the next survey (every 3 years)
 - b. Drug and alcohol use and domestic violence/mental health issues were all trends
 - c. CCMC is in the early stages of providing human traffic education and domestic violence resources
 - i. Courageous Conversations event? This is a possibility
 - d. We do have some of these resources in place, but they need to be better communicated

II. *How I Can Contribute Time*

- A. YLink Report: Raegann McDonald and Braylee Langvardt
 - a. Two different 5th quarter events were held at CCCHS in the last two months
- B. Report from Izzy Blackwood on National CADCA Convention in Washington, DC
 - a. This was the first time a Clay Center youth rep got to attend the conference
 - b. This conference focused more on mental health, and possible speakers were given to Lori to bring to Clay Center
 - c. Izzy also attended two training tracks on collegiate partnering (led by a University of Alabama coalition) and substance abuse and how they may or may not connect with mental health (correlation, but not necessarily causation)
 - d. Izzy also talked to senators Moran & Marshall and DEA agents on Capital Hill
 - e. Next week Izzy will be going to the state capital with the same group to continue these conversations in Topeka

- f. Izzy will also go back to D.C. in April for a leadership retreat and is looking to become a CADCA trainer
- g. Former CCCHS student Russell Spurlin is running the Wichita State chapter
- h. USD 379 is also looking at making YlinK a paid supplemental position next year for CCCHS and Wakefield
- C. Follow UP on Strong Sisters Courageous Conversation: Allie Martin
 - a. We had around 50-60 people attend
 - b. Speakers gave a wide variety of topics covered
 - c. Allie is looking to do a similar event next year if there is interest
 - d. Thanks goes to the Rex Theatre for letting us host the event for free and to Common Ground for offering up a place for daycare
- D. Plans for Drug Take Back Day: Nikki Burwell
 - a. This will be Saturday, April 12 from 8-12 (combined with the health fair)
 - b. Bill Robinson will be there to help
- E. Invitation from CADCA For National Award: Lori Martin
- F. Invitation from Iowa State for Participation in Opioid Project: Lori Martin
 - a. They are interested in having Clay Counts Coalition help with this project
 - i. This is a four-year training project with four states around the region
 - ii. Their goal would be to gain data from our health departments and police departments
 - 1. Emergency data (Dana will check into this), drug-related arrest records (Bill said they could get this)
 - 2. Will Clay County's specific data be shared? (Lori will check into this)
 - b. Lori has conducted an hour-long interview with this group, and we will hear soon if we have been selected (no charge to us if we are selected)
- G. Friendship Club DCCCA Prescription Medication Safety for Seniors Program on Tuesday, March 11 @ 9:00 @ Prairieland Partners: Lori
 - a. Arielle Kelly from DCCCA will be coming to present on appropriate medication use, storage, etc.
 - b. Arielle will send out information on other topics if anyone would like to have her present (Kathryn will look into having her speak at Lions)
- H. Review of 25-26 Drug Free Communities Budget/Action Plan for: Dana and Lori
 - a. This deadline is coming up in the middle of March
 - b. We have \$125,000 available, and we have to match \$125,000
 - c. Dana and Lori are wanting to know if the Coalition wants to continue with all of these initiatives
 - i. Please email Dana and Lori with your thoughts by February 23
- I. Glavan Ford Easter Eggstravaganza - April 19, 2025
 - a. The Coalition voted unanimously to pay \$100 as a sponsor for this event
 - b. Lori will provide a table as an educational opportunity
 - i. Set up in front of Grow Clay County office
- J. April 24 - Next Courageous Conversation event
 - a. Michelle Tessaro - You Matter Tour

III. *How I Can Help Time*

- A. Serve on a Committee to Review the Drug Free Communities Plans
- B. Assist with Strong Sisters on 2/10/25
- C. Assist with Drug Take Back Day

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th @ 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.