



Olathe Communities That Care Coalition

Meeting Minutes: January 10th, 2023 3:30pm – 4:30pm Indian Creek Library & zoom

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Items
<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>3:30pm – 3:43pm</p>	<p>All attendees introduced themselves. Jared Avilez introduced the guest Speaker Faith Roberts from Cottonwood Springs. Attendees were encouraged to use the QR code on the agenda or in the email to sign in.</p>	
<p>Guest Speaker</p> <p>3:45 pm – 4:20pm</p>	<p>Faith Roberts, Adolescent Programs Manager Cottonwood Springs</p> <p>Faith shared facts about Adolescent Substance Use from the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics Report (2020). Some of the key facts included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12.7% of 12-17 year-olds report marijuana use in the last year. - 7.1 million 12 – 20 year old report drinking and 60.2% reported binged drinking. - 407,000 teenagers aged 12-17 met the criteria for Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) - Overdose deaths due to opioids has increased 500% among 15-24 year-olds since 1999. <p>Faith Shared information about the opioid crisis stating that, the pandemic contributed to the loss of protective factors for many adolescents. Faith informed the coalition about the reward pathway in the brain regarding drug use and how it can be a difficult pathway to break the longer the pathway has been used. Faith encouraged the coalition to continue educating families, teachers, and community members on how to recognize the signs of drug use as one small protective factor to help those at risk.</p> <p>Kevin Kufeldt, asked about the various programs offered at Cottonwood Springs. Faith shared information on the Inpatient and Outpatient programs for both mental health and substance abuse disorder as well as the Child and Adolescent Program.</p> <p>Mike Kruger, asked how people get referred to Cottonwood Springs. Faith responded, primarily by community providers, parents, and word of mouth.</p> <p>Blake Thomas, asked if those who sought treatment were people who suffered from long term substance use or occasional substance use. Faith responded, it</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest Speaker for February 2023 will be confirmed by Angela Parks - Coalition member Jared Avilez will send information about the Strengthening Families Program as a referral resource for those families served by Cottonwood Springs



	<p>varies, the patient load is very dynamic, and they are from all walks of life.</p> <p>Jared Avilez thanked Faith for sharing her insights into the complexities of youth substance use and for energizing the coalition and reminding the members of the very important work they are doing in the community.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Events & Trainings</p> <p>4:20pm – 4:25pm</p>	<p>Jared Avilez informed the coalition that the DFC grant is enabling coalition members to attend the CADCA National Leadership Forum in February. The City of Olathe has helped to sponsor 3 youth members from Teen Council to participate in prevention activities and trainings.</p> <p>Jared Avilez shared information on an upcoming webinar called “Engaging Youth Voices for Reducing Substance Use”. That webinar will be held on Jan. 25th at 1pm.</p>	<p>- Coalition members can attend the webinar here https://tinyurl.com/5cney3hp</p>
<p>2023 Activities/ Events & Action Teams</p> <p>4:25pm – 4:27pm</p>	<p>The coalition decided to table 2023 activities planning to next meeting due to time.</p>	
<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>4:27pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>Meeting ended</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Feb. 14th, 2023 3:30pm – 4:30pm</p> <p>Indian Creek Library and Zoom</p>

Attendees

- Susan Sherman, City of Olathe
- Angela Parks, Olathe Public Library
- Bryan Hill, Olathe Police Department
- Matt Johnson, Olathe Public Schools
- Mike Kruger, Dept. Heath & Environment
- Jared Avilez, Johnson County Mental Health
- Kevin Kufeldt, Johnson County Mental Health
- Jamie Katz, Johnson County Mental Health
- Blake Thomas, Church of Recovery
- Mike Brouwer, County Managers Office
- Kelsey Metz, Cottonwood Springs
- Faith Roberts, Cottonwood Springs