



THE ALL-STARS PREVENTION GROUP

(An extension of Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office focused on Substance Abuse Prevention)

All Stars Meeting Report

Held from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, March 2, 2021

Cracker Barrell, Mount Airy NC

Meeting Report

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I. Summary of Meeting:

The Surry County Substance Abuse Office held a community meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 involving various members of the community representing Surry County. Ms. Charlotte Reeves, Community Outreach Specialist, and Mr. Jamie Edwards, Data Analyst, led the meeting with eleven community members present. Throughout the meeting, the Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office hoped to have open discussion about the progress of collecting the V.O.I.C.E.S. Survey and the Community Interviews.

II. Introduction

The Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office held a community meeting with eleven community members on March 2, 2021. The meeting was conducted as part of the Substance Abuse Recovery Office's involvement in reducing the number of opiate and other drug related deaths and abuse in Surry County. The All-Stars have had previous discussion about the ways that the Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office has set up a proposed "Continuum of Care", to explore ways of capturing data about our County's knowledge of the substance abuse problem, and resources we currently have. Mr. Jamie Edwards distributed a March Meeting Agenda. Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office intends to have open discussion about the surveys and community interviews. Mr. Jamie Edwards reviewed the topics on the March Meeting Agenda, which included an announcement of when the surveys and interviews will close, an announcement that we intend to have community healing circles via Zoom later in the month of March, and that we will be looking for volunteers to receive training to facilitate break-out rooms during the Circle of Healing Zoom meeting.

III. Participant Demographics

Eleven participants took part in the meeting:

- Eleven women

IV. Participant Perspectives

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Perspective 1: Mr. Edwards asked everyone how the survey and community interview process was going. He also asked if there were any questions, concerns, or comments.

Perspective 2: Several of the community members agreed that the interviewing process was going well. Many of the community members stated that they still have more interviews to schedule and complete.

Perspective 3: Mr. Edwards ask if there is anything that anyone needs and reminded everyone that we will be holding office hours for specific questions or comments on March 9, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Prevention 4: Mr. Edwards announced that the VOICES survey will close on March 31, 2021, All-Stars Community Interviews will close on April 30, 2021, and the Recovery Office Organizational Capacity Interviews will close May 15, 2021.

Prevention 5: An announcement was made that Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office will need volunteers for the Community Healing Circles Zoom meetings. Several community members agreed to volunteer. Training will be provided. There will be two topics for the Community Healing Circles. Topic one will be Perspectives of Substance Use, Medical and Moral Approaches. There will be two virtual meetings on this topic, March 23, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and March 25, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The second topic will be Discussing the V.O.I.C.E.S. Survey. There will also be two virtual meetings on this topic, April 8, 2021 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm and April 12, 2021 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Prevention 6: The question was raised by Charlotte Reeves were there any cares or concerns that anyone wanted to discuss. There was no response.

Prevention 7: Mr. Edwards stated that Charlotte Reeves will be the contact person who will collect the interviews whenever community members have them ready to turn in. She will also be the person who distributes more paper copies to the All-Stars at their request. Charlotte's contact is by email at reevesc@co.surry.nc.us.

V. Recommendations

The All-Star Prevention Group Members that were present at the meeting were unanimous in pledging their efforts and support of helping to continue their efforts on the survey and community interviews. Once again, everyone agrees that the substance abuse problems continue to be a major issue for those who are suffering with the problem, their families, and our County. The meeting was adjourned and will meet again in the month of April. Due to the noise level and the increased capacity at The Cracker Barrell, there was an agreement that the meeting will be held at a different location in the month of April. Everyone was informed to check their email for The All-Star Prevention Group correspondence.

Charlotte Reeves also requested that everyone check out the Surry County Opioid Response Effort Facebook page and website at surrycountycares.com.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact:

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