



THE ALL-STARS PREVENTION GROUP

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

All-Stars Meeting Report

Held from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, August 9, 2022

Historic Courthouse, Dobson, NC

Mission: To reduce youth substance use by promoting awareness, enhancing understanding, and changing perceptions of substance use in Surry County through public advocacy.

Sector	Attendee for Meeting
Youth, under 18 years of age	
Parent	Melissa Mundy Paula Sheets
Business	Lenise Lynch, Hampton Inn Jennifer Sinacore, Coldwell Banker Advantage
Media	
School	Jodi Southern, Surry County Schools
Youth Serving Organization	Tamera Veit, Raven Lowe- Surry Friends of Youth
Religious Organization	
Law Enforcement	
Civic/Volunteer Groups	Nicole Frost – The City of Elkin
Healthcare professional or organization, individual or organization licensed to provide physical, mental or behavioral health services.	Julie Cooke, High Country Health Josh Boyles – Easter Seals
State, local government agency	Charlotte Reeves, Jamie Edwards Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery
Other Organizations	Michelle Hopkins and Regina Propst, Insight Human Services

Meeting Report

- I. Summary of Meeting
- II. Introduction with list of outcomes
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- IV. Summary of findings with each outcome, including representative quotes, results of yes or no questions, and quantitative data
- V. Recommendations

I. Summary of Meeting:

The Surry County Substance Abuse Office held a community meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 5 pm, involving various members of the community representing Surry County. Ms. Charlotte Reeves, Community Outreach Coordinator, led the meeting with 13 community members present.

II. Introduction

The Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office held a community meeting with thirteen community members on August 9, 2022. 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 discussions about the ways that Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office has set up a proposed "Continuum of Care", to explore ways to eliminate many impediments for those residents, seeking treatment and recovery. This meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse in Dobson, NC. The goal of this meeting is to promote discussion within our group that can extend to our community about the problem of substance use disorder and mental health issues.

III. Participant Demographics

Thirteen participants took part in the meeting:

- 11 females
- 2 males

IV. Participant Perspectives

Perspective 1: Charlotte Reeves welcomed everyone and announced that tonight will be a continuous update on Surry County prevention. She first welcomed all members back and thanked them for their continuous collaboration.

Perspective 2: Paula Sheets gave an update on the summer outreach activities that we were involved in. The All-Stars were represented in many youth events, including July 4th events, festivals in Pilot Mountain, Mount Airy, and Dobson.

Perspective 3: Ms. Reeves would like to give the All-Star Leadership Board a big round of applause and many thanks for meeting and doing some difficult work in prioritizing our intervening variables or risk factors that were identified in our Needs Assessment. There were some really great connections made at this meeting due to the deep conversation about our community.

Perspective 4: Ms. Reeves stated that the All-Stars document is almost complete and will be posted on surrycountycares.com when it is finished.

Perspective 5: Ms. Reeves stated that work has already started on this year's Red Ribbon Week. Ms. Paula Sheets has been helping to determine what we are going to order and give the different aged students. We have requested material from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and plan to give those materials to all of the elementary school guidance counselors in the County. There are approximately 5,000 elementary school aged children. Our goal this year is to reach every school aged child in Surry County.

Prevention 6: Ms. Lenise Lynch announced that the Mount Airy Rotary will partner with SCOSAR and The All-Stars for Red Ribbon Week. The Rotary will work with the high school interact clubs to find creative ways to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in each school.

Prevention 7: Ms. Reeves announced that she is currently working on trying to get in touch with the correct staff member at each school to line up Red Ribbon Activities in order to get a schedule put together.

Prevention 8: Lastly, Ms. Reeves opens the floor for general discussion regarding the All-Star Prevention Group future steps, any opinions or concerns of the members, and stronger efforts in community outreach.

Prevention 9: Ms. Reeves thanked everyone for attending the meeting and participating in the discussion and activity regarding the importance of prevention work in our community and ended the meeting.

V. Recommendations

The All-Star Prevention Group Members that were present all agreed that sharing ideas, monthly, is a great educational opportunity. 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 September. Everyone was informed to check their email for The All-Star Prevention Group correspondence. The members were briefed that there will also be an email sent out with the August Meeting Minutes. The next scheduled meeting will be in SCOSAR's conference room in the basement of the Historic Courthouse. Thank you to the new participants who attended this meeting. It was a great success.

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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