



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, September 13, 2022

Historic Courthouse, Dobson, NC

Meeting Report

- I. Summary of Meeting
- II. Introduction with list of outcomes
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I. Summary of Meeting:

The Surry County Substance Abuse Office held a community meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 5 pm, involving various members of the community representing Surry County. Ms. Charlotte Reeves, Community Outreach Coordinator, led the meeting with 17 community members present.

II. Introduction

The Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office held a community meeting with seventeen community members on September 13, 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:

- 13 females
- 4 males

IV. Participant Perspectives

- Perspective 1:** Charlotte Reeves welcomed everyone and announced that tonight will be an update on the Surry County prevention plan. She first welcomed all members back and thanked them for their continuous collaboration.
- Perspective 2:** Furthermore, Ms. Reeves elaborates on the efforts of community outreach with an upcoming Red Ribbon Activities in October and requested help from the group.
- Perspective 3:** Ms. Reeves gave an update on the Strengthening Systems for North Carolina Youth (SYNC) workgroup and shared that there would probably be some overlap in efforts with community work.
- Perspective 4:** Next, Charlotte gave a short update on the SCOSAR activities and prevention planning. She thanked the Leadership Board for helping to rank intervening variables and to help with discussing our prevention plan interventions.
- Perspective 5:** Next, Paula Sheets gave an update on the community outreach events. At this time there has been no recent events, and that our next big outreach will be Red Ribbon Week.
- Prevention 6:** Regina Propst provided some education on the Prescription Drug Overdose (PDO) grant that Insight has received. She discussed ways in which we can work together to satisfy the requirements of the grant. Insight will be receiving State train the trainer training for the administration of Narcan. They will also be doing work with the Lock Your Meds Campaign and Chemical Drug Disposal. These are interventions that are listed on the Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery Prevention Plan for this year and the All-Star Prevention Group will be able to assist with these projects.
- Prevention 7:** Tamara Veit with Surry Friends of Youth (SFOY) gave an update on their program. She also introduced Jaimi Scott who is the new Mentor Coordinator. Tamara introduced Raven Lowe who is also a new employee with SFOY. Tamara stressed that we are looking for mentors to work with youth in their program and that we would work together to fulfill this in the upcoming months.
- Prevention 8:** Jamie Edwards announced that SCOSAR would be offering a Certified Peer Support Specialist Training in November. He provided information about the training and how to sign up if anyone is interested. The meeting dates are in person at the Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery Conference Room and are schedule for:
- November 17, 18, 21, 22, and 23 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**
- Prevention 9:** 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 10:** 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 October. 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 September Meeting Minutes. The next scheduled meeting will be in SCOSAR's newly renovated 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.

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