



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, November 8, 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	Jennifer Sinacore, Coldwell Banker Advantage
Media	
School	
Youth Serving Organization	Tamera Veit, Raven Lowe - Surry Friends of Youth
Religious Organization	
Law Enforcement	
Civic/Volunteer Groups	Nicole Frost, City of Elkin - Volunteer
Healthcare professional or organization, individual or organization licensed to provide physical, mental or behavioral health services.	Julie Cooke, High Country Health
State, local government agency	Charlotte Reeves, Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery Sonya Cheek, Amanda Stager – Intervention Team, Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery
Other Organizations	Michelle Hopkins, Insight Human Services

Meeting Report

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I. Summary of Meeting:

The Surry County Substance Abuse Office held a community meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 5 pm, involving various members of the community representing Surry County. Ms. Charlotte Reeves, Community Outreach Coordinator, led the meeting with 11 community members present.

II. Introduction

The Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office held a community meeting with eleven community members on November 8, 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

IV. Participant Perspectives

Perspective 1: Charlotte Reeves welcomed everyone and announced that tonight will be a review of the Red Ribbon Week activities. We will discuss the entire week in hopes of how we can improve things for next year. We will also review the Strengthening Systems for North Carolina Youth (SYNC) "Walking Through the Kids Submap."

Perspective 2: First of all, Ms. Reeves wants to thank the group for those who volunteered to help with the school programs and in other ways. It was really wonderful to see the All-Stars come out and interact with the students.

Perspective 3: Ms. Paula Sheets gave her version of the update with the things she and Melissa Mundy did in preparing for the week. They mentioned putting the bags together, packing the correct number of packages for each school, and delivering the things that the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) donated for the elementary schools. The feedback from the elementary schools was wonderful. We had many of the guidance counselors

email that they are so thankful for receiving the bracelets, ribbons, pencils and stickers. They stated they usually do not have the money for these things and it really helps to raise the momentum with the students if they can give them prizes.

Perspective 4: Regina Propst and Michelle Hopkins shared their experience as they attended and helped at Gentry Middle School and Elkin Middle School.

Perspective 5: Tamera Veit with Surry Friends of Youth discussed that this event helped her to connect with the SROs at the schools. By having one of her interns team up with Charlotte on the presentations at the schools, she received several referrals.

Prevention 6: Finally, Ms. Reeves discussed that she thought this year's RRW was a success. It was an enormous amount of work but we reached almost 10,000 students in Surry County in one way or another. We did a presentation at every Middle School and 2 High Schools.

Prevention 7: Ms. Reeves announced that all of the middle schools participated in the essay contests and the community leaders that we chose specific to each local school area were all present. The process was seamless. She stated that she will send thank you letters to all judges and those people who donated prizes for the winning essays. Also, the winning essays were published in the Mount Airy News. Ryan Kelly was wonderful in how he covered Red Ribbon Week.

Prevention 8: Ms. Reeves reminded everyone that the Certified Peer Support Class will be held in the SCOSAR conference room on the following dates if you are signed up.

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 January 2023. 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 November 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 surrycountycare.com.

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

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