

**Highland County Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition**  
**September 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 Meeting Minutes**

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09/27/2018

Meeting called into motion by President Gena Bates at 11:37A.M.

Members Present: Creed Culbreath, Anneka Collins, Molly Bolek, Joe Herrington, Bill Showman, Paige Young, Kim Zornes, Kathleen Garrison, Gena Bates

**Business Meeting:**

Approval of 08/23/18 minutes. Corrections—Glow run is Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at Liberty Park. Motion moved to approve minutes by Kim and seconded by Creed.

QRT—Creed reported that every person involved with QRT has said “yes” to treatment, they also requested seeing previous counselors in their recovery journey. Being able to locate the individual is at times difficult due to non-updated or correct information for address or phone number. Home visits have been referred to appropriate agencies while home visit was being conducted due to dangerous substances. On 09/22/18, Creed represented at the National Human Trafficking and social justice conference in Toledo, valuable information was given and obtained. Creed is receiving assistance from a few individuals who are retired mental health/substance abuse counselors; they are teaming up to strengthen the QRT system.

Strategic Prevention Framework Grant—Paige reported that we are still awaiting OHMAS to approve the SPF logic model.

**New Business**

October 28<sup>th</sup>, Shiloh Recovery Ministries will have its first graduate at 6pm.

Paint Valley and FRS have received money to fill in the gaps to help clients pay for mental health treatment due to financial reasons; this will be in effect from now until April. (Total of 3 grants).

They have increased Big Brother Big Sisters funding to expand the program. This is done in the schools during lunch breaks, and will take place in a couple highland county schools.

Recovery celebration was held 3 weeks ago; the event had a lot of positive feedback. Several services providers were present. Recovery stories were given and served as a huge impact. Several awards were also given for active community members who have been an asset to our communities.

Erin from FRS reported is seeing an increase in Methamphetamine and alcohol use within the community. The Massie House is doing well; the house has 9 clients, but has several referrals. Several individuals are being moved from intensive treatment to outpatient treatment. FRS will be changing their location for outpatient services. This will help improve collaborative care and accessibility; new space will be moved as of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment at 12:04pm. Motion to adjourn moved by Creed and seconded by Kim.

**Open of General Meeting—12:05PM.**

**Welcome and Introductions**—each individual was asked to introduce themselves.

**Guest Speaker:**

Anneka Collins presented on State Issue 1 in the place of Judge Coss—this will be a change in our constitution, not an amendment to a law. This will not help with treatment, because there will be little consequences legally due to drug use/possession. The individual will not be able to be sent to Jail under a drug use/possession charge, until the individual has been convicted 3 times. Without a new conviction, offenders will not be allowed to be sent for a prison term while on Community Control without a new conviction. This allows room for individuals to violate their rules while on community control without any consequences. Handouts were given on the Issue in order to educate others on Issue one, which will be on the ballot in November to vote on.

Under Issue one, possession of a date rape drug will only be a misdemeanor; Issue 1 will allow any drug possession to be a misdemeanor with no consequences. This will also do away with treatment in lieu or a transitional treatment program due to not being able to convict with a felony. This could also lead to an increase in violent crimes due to the release of offenders from prison. This will also have an adverse effect on the children within the community and state; the current numbers of children's services cases are already exponential, and will increase if the State Issue 1 bill passes.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from noon to 1pm.