

**Clay Counts Coalition Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 11 2024**

**Stuart Administrative Center Meeting Room**

**Noon to 1:00**

**Lunch Provided**

***September is National Suicide Prevention Month***

**I.  Welcome and Introductions**

Lori Martin (Clay Counts Coordinator), Matt Weller (Community Coordinator), Lisa Last (USD 379 Community Counselor), Jess Borgerding (Teammates), Bethany Phillips (KCLY), Rhys Baker (local media), Isabelle Blackwood (CCCHS YlinK), Nikki Burwell (CCHD), Reagann McDonald (CCCHS YlinK), Laverne Garner (Clay Center citizen), Craig Rickley (CCCMS teacher)

 **II. How I Can Learn Time**

**Report on The TeamMates Program:  Lisa Last and Jess Borgerding**

This is sponsored through the Drug Endangered Child grant. This program started in October of 2023. There were 58 mentees and mentors last year. They meet for 30 minutes a week, usually during the school day.

There was a mentor/mentee kickoff in August. The first board meeting of the year will be Friday, Sept. 20. The goal is to expand into Wakefield soon.

Data: 46% of mentees had academic improvement. 96% had improvement in discipline referrals. 92% had fewer absences. 59% mentees gave an Excellent rating about the program.

There is also a TeenMates program. This was a CCCHS to Garfield mentoring program that was launched in the winter of 2024. YlinK students led breakout sessions at Garfield and ate lunch with the students at various times throughout the year. The plan is to continue this in 2024-25.

**III.  How I Can Make an Impact Time
A.  Gather for Good Day: Matt Weller**

September 19th 12:00 to 8:00 PM at the Clay County Museum. There is a 50% match up to $2,000. Matt will be there on September 19.

**B.  Narcan Distribution Presentations:  Lori Martin**

There have been 7 different presentations given about this over the past year. If you have any ideas of organizations that might be interested in hearing this presentation, please let Lori know.

**C.  Medication Safety Programs:  DCCA (See Hand Outs)**

One set of training is for youth, and the other is for senior citizens to learn how to equip themselves with information for appropriate medication use, medication storage, and medication disposal. A DCCA speaker will be coming to the October Clay Counts meeting. Matt will promote within the schools.

**D,  National Drug Take Back Day:  Wednesday, October 23rd:  Lori Martin**

This will be from 11:00-3:00 pm. Anyone can bring in expired drugs and over-the-counter medications and exchange them for Narcan samples and chocolate.

**E.  YLinK Update:  YLinK Officers**

The Luau 5th quarter was last Friday. This was lower attended than last year. A focus to recruit underclassmen will take place for the remainder of the year. The next 5th quarter night will be Vegas Night on October 11. If there are any adults willing to help with this, please talk to Raegann. The plan is to have an event each month. Leaders went to Chicago this summer for the CADCA national convention. YlinK will have a Trunk or Treat spot on Halloween. Brayley Langvardt is the president-elect for next year and Emma Spellman is the vice-president elect. **F.  Matt Weller Update**

Clay Counts tabletop infographic has been distributed around the area coffee shops **G. Fiscal Report: Dana Rickley**

This is the beginning of a new fiscal year. **H . KDADS KPC Prevention Conference : 10/2/2024 to 10/4/2024**

There are still spots available if you would like to attend. Let Lori know if you do.

**I.  Ideas for Future Courageous Conversations Nights:  Lori Martin**

If you have any ideas for a keynote speaker, please let Lori know.

**J. "Too Good for Drugs" Program in After School Programs:  Lori Martin**

 **How I Can Help Time
I.   Chaperone YLinK Events
II.  Volunteer for Team Mates Mentoring Program
III. Recruit and Bring a New Member to our Next Meeting
IV.  Attend the Kansas Prevention Council  Conference**

Isabelle will be speaking at this conference. It will be recorded and shared to the rest of the committee.

**V.   Volunteer for Clay Counts Table at Gather for Good Day**

 **Next Meeting**Next Meeting: Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 16th at Noon at the Stuart Administrative Center with Lunch Provided

 **Our Mission**The Clay Counts Coalition exists to promote social, physical, and mental well-being for the residents of Clay County, emphasizing reduction of youth substance use and to foster a thriving environment in which to live, learn, and play.