



**The Clay Counts Coalition  
March Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
Stuart Administrative Center  
Noon to 1:00 Lunch Provided**

**Attendees:**

**In Person:** Michelle Tessaro, Lisa Last, Dana Rickley, Melissa Peterson, Allie Martin, Sofia Gallup, Wade Reh, Jeanna Fancella, Allie Lohrmeyer, Bethaney Phillips, Colleen O'Connell, Braylee Langvardt, Kimberly Sanchez, Antonio Timms, Matt Weller, Melanie Musselman

**Zoom:** Vicki Kopsa, Allison Fulmore, Nikki Burwell, Ryan Duey

**I. *What I Can Learn Time***

Pawnee Mental Health School Based Mental Health Services in USD #379: Colleen O'Connell

- Currently partnered with 8 different school districts, including 379
  - o Currently serving about 7-8 students (only a year into the program)
  - o Only at Clay Center, but looking to expand to Wakefield next year
- School Based Services program delivers crucial mental health support directly with the school environment
- Can include face-to-face (school provides the space for this)
- Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST), Psychosocial Rehabilitation-Individual (PRI), Attendant Care (AC), Targeted Case Management (TCM)
- There are also parent/peer support options available
- If they already have services outside of Pawnee, referrals can still be made
- Lisa Last ([lisalast@usd379.org](mailto:lisalast@usd379.org)) can help you get set up with these services
  - o There is a criteria that must be met before they qualify
  - o Insurance is required at this time, but they are looking for grants that can bypass this

**II. *How I Can Contribute Time***

A. YLink Report: Braylee Langvardt

1. Follow Up on Mental Health Advocacy Day on 3-13-25
  - a. CCCHS Ylink chapter was chosen to give a proclamation to the Kansas Governor at Topeka tomorrow
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> graders will also be attending as a part of recruiting Ylink members of the future
2. Plans to Merge "YOU Matter Tour" with YLink Recruiting

- a. YLink “ Friday Night Lights” Recruiting Event 4-25-25
  - b. This will take place the day after the “You Matter Tour” presentation in the schools
- B. Request for Funding from Scouts: Jeanna Fancella
  - a. Cub Scout Pack 55 is organizing a Bike Safety Clinic on 4-5-25 from 3-5 p.m.
  - b. They are requesting funds to purchase bells and streamers for the bikes (\$131.15)
  - c. A motion was made to donated these funds for this purpose; Motion carried unanimously
- C. Plans for Drug Take Back Day on 4/12/24: Nikki Burwell
  - a. This will take place in front of the CCHD from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - b. Idea: Survey and Raffle to get medication lock boxes
  - c. Bill Robinson will be there to help as well
  - d. All medications and drugs (legal or illegal) will be accepted
- D. Plans for “YOU Matter Tour” and “A Night of Hope”: Michelle Tessaro, Matt Weller and Allie Martin
  - a. Multiple presentations will take place on 4-24-25 (paid for by Clay Counts)
  - b. Heather Ruesch from [youmattertour.org](http://youmattertour.org) will be coming to speak at Wakefield Schools, Clay Center schools, an after-school event for USD 379 staff, and an evening presentation at CCCMS
    - i. L.I.F.T. organization will be there to help with daycare and help serve food
    - ii. Lori is checking in with Pizza Hut to see if they will donate food for the event
  - c. Michelle sent a Google Drive file to be shared on social media and promoted in other ways
- E. Purchase of Live Clean Baskets for Graduating Seniors: Lori
  - a. A motion was made to spend up to \$5,000 to pay for these baskets; Motion carried unanimously
- F. New Billboards
  - a. Lori is looking into creating some new billboards in the area
    - i. Farmers have voiced interest in putting these on their land on highways 15 & 24
    - ii. If anyone knows someone who can build and install these billboards, please contact Lori
- G. Presented at the State Business & Professional Women's organization
- H. Arielle Kelly (CADCA) presented on some medication safety tips at the “Friendship Club” and at Lion’s Club on 3-11-25

### *III. How I Can Help Time*

- A. Assist with Drug Take Back Day on April 12<sup>th</sup> 8:00 to 11:00
- B. Assist with “A Night of Hope” on April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00

### ***Next Meeting***

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 @ Noon at the Stuart Administrative Center

### ***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.