



# Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2024

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Attendees:** \*Will Cline, \*Jocelynn Lamb, \*Karen Buckman, Tina Hang, Kayla Langford, \*Roberto Correa, Rhonda Warren, Brandy Beeman, India Malherbe, \*Dalana Fuller, Kylie Poor, \*Mica Rosenow, \*Kirstyn Walker, \*Stephen Graham

\*= indicates new coalition members

` = indicates reattending members after a hiatus

## I. Recap

### a. Jane Days

- i. Roberto reported that the event was very successful with lots of community participation and booth engagement. He reported that there was a gentleman from the community who began to cry as he spoke to the health department staff about how he and his wife were able to get mental health assistance that they, for a long time, have been searching for.
- ii. The Jane Café was noted to be a great location for outreach in the Jane area

## II. Community Updates

- a. Noel discussion about future of dam--November 7 Time TBD
- b. CASA Classes – Can still join!
  - i. For more information, please contact Ellen at [evogt@newmaccasa.org](mailto:evogt@newmaccasa.org)
- c. Nourishing the Ozarks Food Distribution Program
  - i. CPO's Nourishing the Ozarks program donated \$5,960.00 worth of food from local farms via the KC Food Hub to McDonald County Head Start. Boxes included chicken, apples, green beans, arugula, bell peppers, garlic, mushrooms, parsley, potatoes, and tomatoes
  - ii. Currently only offered at the head start, prioritizing parents with children in head start – unclear how locations for program are picked. Program will run through next June
  - iii. How to help people who don't want others to know they need help?
    1. New Day Church in Maimi Oklahoma
      - a. Has a foodbank with dinners on Thursday nights
      - b. Implementing a food delivery system – No bible reads required
      - c. For more information, contact Jocelynn at [jalamb@freemanhealth.com](mailto:jalamb@freemanhealth.com)



2. Other food pantries
    - a. Noel Housing Authority
    - b. McDonald High School
    - c. CPO – Food for All program
      - i. Health department possibly considering being a hub for this program
      - ii. Kylie will look into getting info for this program
    - d. Crosslines
      - i. Foodbox once a month
      - ii. Hard to pick up food for someone else – lots of tracking
  - d. Silver Haired Legislators
    - i. Cigarette Excise Tax increase from 71 to 1 passed!!
    - ii. Vote to determine priority on October 17 – day of coalition meeting
    - iii. For more information, please contact Barb at [bjittner454@gmail.com](mailto:bjittner454@gmail.com)
  - e. McDonald County School District Efforts
    - i. Focusing on 3 areas
      1. Financial health
      2. Mental health
      3. Physical health
    - ii. Tina is working on getting with the high school for a mini-grant project she has been working on
    - iii. While each school is in the same district, the projects vary—each school does their own thing
- III. Parents as Teachers**
- a. Developmental screenings for children
    - i. Not income based, home visits, free through school district
    - ii. Prenatal through kindergarten
    - iii. Will be providing services at the McDonald County Health Department
  - b. Christmas Event – December 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30PM – 7PM at Pineville Community Center
    - i. Family friendly, small craft activities, photos with Santa
    - ii. Coalition name can be added if we want to donate or participate in hosting a mini-craft activity
  - c. For more information, contact
    - i. Dalana Fuller
      1. [Dalana.fuller@mcdonaldr1.net](mailto:Dalana.fuller@mcdonaldr1.net)
      2. Office Phone: 417-845-3409
      3. Cell: 417-592-1902



**IV. CPO Update**

- a. Coalition Needs Assessment
  - i. Collecting data to assess growth needs in substance prevention service
  - ii. **Please take the assessment for our coalition!!!**
    - 1. <https://forms.gle/kxDerqxJosryCt657>
- b. It's a Wonderful Night (see flyer attached for more info)
  - i. Raffle 2 tickets - \$250 in value for meal in Springfield

**V. Building Communities for Better Health**

- a. Celebration Friday October 18 from 4PM – 6PM Noel City Park
- b. Active Transportation Survey
  - i. For individuals who live, work, walk/bike in Noel
  - ii. Survey available in English and Spanish
    - 1. 13 responses
  - iii. Need to send survey to Ms. Bridget Bear – Noel Primary School Counselor—and M. Denisa Douthit – Principal
    - 1. Noted that a good way to get into the schools is to engage with the school counselors

**VI. Coalition Updates**

- a. Mission Statement
  - i. The McDonald County Community Coalition is dedicated to creating an interconnected, inclusive, and engaged community for all McDonald County residents and strives to address the intersectional health concerns of individual, environmental, and community health & growth by using a policy, system, and environmental approach
  - ii. All present voted in favor of adopting the new mission statement
  - iii. Will need an updated photo of coalition—date TBD
- b. Volunteer & Social Media Coordinator
  - i. Role is open
- c. Signage – Just the Facts
  - i. Newton County Coalition has these signs and are using the QR Codes on signs to promote substance abuse prevention in the fall and mental health in the Spring
    - 1. We need to ask the schools if they are interested in receiving the signs for an exact number before ordering any items
      - a. Possible avenue for signage funding – Resource request
  - ii. Additional potential locations
    - 1. Pineville Park
    - 2. Anderson Park