



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, May 10, 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	Kelsie Reeves, East Surry High School
Parent	Melissa Mundy Paula Sheets
Business	Lenise Lynch, Hampton Inn Jennifer Sinacore, Coldwell Banker Advantage
Media	Ryan Kelly, Mount Airy News
School	Jodi Southern, Surry County Schools
Youth Serving Organization	Tamera Veit, Surry Friends of Youth
Religious Organization	
Law Enforcement	
Civic/Volunteer Groups	
Healthcare professional or organization, individual or organization licensed to provide physical, mental or behavioral health services.	Julie Cooke, High Country Health Juan Sanchez, Surry County Health and Nutrition Center Josh Boyles, Easter Seals
State, local government agency	Charlotte Reeves, Jamie Edwards Surry County Office of Substance Abuse Recovery
Other Organizations	Michelle Hopkins and Regina Propst, Insight Human Services Wendy Odum, Birches Foundation Kelly Teague, Community Impact of North Carolina

Meeting Report

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I. Summary of Meeting:

The Surry County Substance Abuse Office held a community meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 5 pm, involving various members of the community representing Surry County. Ms. Charlotte Reeves, Community Outreach Coordinator, led the meeting with 17 community members present. Kelly Teague with Community Impact of North Carolina will be joining us today and will stay overnight for the first All-Stars Leadership Team Meeting tomorrow on May 11th.

II. Introduction

The Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office held a community meeting with seventeen community members on May 10, 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:

- 13 females
- 4 males

IV. Participant Perspectives

Perspective 1: Charlotte Reeves welcomed everyone and announced that tonight will be a continuous update on Surry County prevention. She first welcomed all members back and thanked them for their continuous collaboration.

Perspective 2: Tonight will be an instruction by Mrs. Kelly Teague with Community Impact of North Carolina. She will review the meaning of prevention and how important it is to have a community coalition in Surry County. She is visiting with us in order to meet with the Leadership Team which will be tomorrow.

Perspective 3: Ms. Reeves gave an update on upcoming community events and announced that we will do an outreach to Surry County employees at the annual Surry County Employee Appreciation Luncheon on May 12 at 10 am – 2 pm.

Perspective 4: Next, Charlotte reminded the All-Stars about the Leadership Board Meeting that will be held on May 11, 2022, from 9 am to 12 pm with Mrs. Kelly Teague leading it.

Perspective 5: Ms. Paula Sheets announced that the All-Stars will be doing an outreach event on Saturday, May 14 at Veteran’s Park in Mount Airy. This event is Vincent’s Legacy Kindness Day from 9 am to 3 pm. She also stated that we have made candy bags for the youth and Farmer’s Mulch and Rocks donated smooth river rocks for the kids to paint. We also have Kelsie Reeves, a 15-year old youth, who has volunteered to paint faces. We give parents “Talk. They Hear You.” Vaping and Marijuana information brochures, along with a community outreach brochure from SCOSAR and try to initiate conversations to educate them more about the importance of talking to our kids about the dangers of substance use.

Prevention 6: SCOSAR is hosting a Parent’s Night Out for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) training featuring “Talk. They Hear You.” It will be held at 6 pm at Pilot Mountain Middle School. Please attend if you can. This will be educational for you as an All-Star and/or parent. We are buying pizza, soda, and something sweet for dessert.

Prevention 7: Hopefest will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2022 from 4 pm to 7 am. We will have a table there with resource information and goodies for kids that attend. There will be Chick-Fil-A served for dinner.

Prevention 8: 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 9: 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.

Prevention 10: Mrs. Kelly Teague talked about the many things that the All-Stars Prevention Group has accomplished in Surry County Community. She said we are ahead of most communities for such a new effort. She stated however that it is important for us to go ahead with the coalition development so that we can have more flexibility and purpose with our group. She stated that she is looking forward to meeting with the Leadership Group.

Prevention 10: Ms. Reeves asked the group if they wanted to vote on taking the month of July off due to vacation season. The answer was yes and the vote was to break for July.

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 the All-Stars leadership board will meet again in the month of June. 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 September Meeting Minutes. The next scheduled meeting will be in SCOSAR's newly renovated 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 surrycountycares.com.

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

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