



THE ALL-STARS PREVENTION GROUP

(An extension of Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office focused on Substance Abuse Prevention)

All Stars Meeting Report

Held from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, June 1, 2021

Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office, Historic Courthouse, Dobson, NC

Meeting Report

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I. Summary of Meeting:

The Surry County Substance Abuse Office held a community meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 involving various members of the community representing Surry County. Ms. Charlotte Reeves, Community Outreach Specialist, led the meeting with 24 community members present. Our guests for the meeting were Miss Jillian Sheets and Mr. Rich Young. This meeting consisted of a presentation from Miss Sheets on the opioid crises in our nation, state, and county. This was a presentation that she did for a school project at Mount Airy High School. Mr. Rich Young, founder and director of the Mount Airy Grands program also spoke about his group. Mr. Jamie Edwards, Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office, discussed data from the Community Interviews in which the All-Stars participated. Ms. Charlotte Reeves discussed “Prevention.”

II. Introduction

The Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office held a community meeting with twenty-four community members on June 1, 2021. 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 the Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office has set up a proposed “Continuum of Care”, to explore ways of capturing data about our County’s knowledge of the substance abuse problem, and resources we currently have. This meeting was held at the Surry County Substance Abuse Recovery Office in Dobson, NC. The goal of this meeting is to provide input from some community members on things happening in Surry County. Mr. Jamie Edwards also provided information on the Voices Primary Survey Results. Charlotte Reeves discussed prevention.

III. Participant Demographics

Twenty-four participants took part in the meeting:

- 17 women
- 7 men

IV. Participant Perspectives

Perspective 1: Charlotte Reeves began the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking them to get some food to eat while having the meeting. Ms. Reeves discussed the agenda for the meeting and spoke to the group about the blessing of having a Mount Airy High School student share her project with us. Ms. Reeves also told the group that this month's article in the Mount Airy News involved interviewing Mr. and Mrs. Rich Young, the facilitators of the Mount Airy Grands group. Mr. Young was present to share information about his group. Ms. Reeves also told the group that Mr. Jamie Edwards will provide more Surry County Perspectives Community Interviews. Ms. Reeves thanked Mr. Mark Willis, Director of The Surry County Substance Abuse for providing Chick-Fil-A for a catered dinner.

Perspective 2: Miss Jillian Sheets presented the group with a slide presentation she completed as a project for Mount Airy High School, with the subject being opioids. She discussed what opioids are, how they became a problem. She also discussed the national, state and county statistics.

Perspective 3: Mr. Rich Young discussed what his group, The Mount Airy Grands is, and how they came about. He shared some of his personal story of how he and his wife decided to move to Surry County. He discussed the goals of The Mount Airy Grands and that they offer support, assistance and resources to grandparents that are raising the grandchildren.

Prevention 4: Mr. Jamie Edwards discussed some of the comments that were made by our County citizens on the Community Interviews. He also discussed how many community members and leaders were interviewed and that we are still analyzing this data. More information will be provided soon when the data has been more properly analyzed and put into a report.

Prevention 5: Ms. Charlotte Reeves discussed the subject of Prevention and described in more detail what we are trying to accomplish. She mentioned how much the All-Stars have helped their community by assisting with the community needs assessment. The Surry County needs assessment will more clearly define what our ongoing prevention efforts will be. Ms. Reeves graciously thanked the All-Stars for their involvement in our Prevention efforts and for helping their community. Ms. Reeves introduced Mr. Chris Knopf, our County Manager, and thanked him for attending the All-Star meeting.

Prevention 6: Mr. Chris Knopf spoke briefly and stated that he enjoyed the meeting and was impressed with how much our group is currently involved in.

Prevention 7: Ms. Reeves suggested that from this point forward it would be a great educational opportunity to let one person present a lesson in each meeting going forward. Each person can choose the topic themselves, but it must be related to substance abuse prevention. Paula Sheets volunteered to be the presenter for the July meeting.

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 will meet again in the month of July. Everyone was informed to check email for The All-Star Prevention Group correspondence. The members were briefed that there will also be an email sent out with the June Meeting Minutes and an announcement of the next scheduled meeting date and location. Thank you to the new participants that 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.

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