



Engage Douglas County
March 22, 2021

Mission: Mobilize and empower Douglas County to reduce substance abuse and promote mental health primarily among youth through action, education, and collaboration.

1) Welcome and Introductions

Meg Fowler, Gary Bunting, Crystal Bennett, Deanne Armstrong, Shelby Perez, Jose Cornejo, Lori Alvarado, Bob Tryanski, Julia Gaughan, Layla McEniry, Kevin Harrell, Gabby Boyle, Laura McCulloch, Lydia Fuqua, Sunny Carter, Kim Polson, Alex Wiebel, Chrissy Mayer, Kail Winfrey-Gorzek, Crystal Bennett, Erin Harmon, Brittany Smith, Tobias Harvey, Krista Machado

2) Drug Free Communities Progress Update

Krista shared that DCCCA staff have begun the required National Coalition Academy (NCA) training as required as part of the DFC grant on March 1-4. As part of the NCA trainings the trainers are helping grantees to develop various grant deliverable documents. The first of which include: a community assessment document as well as substance-specific logic models are in process and will be shared at the May meeting. The next NCA is in May and the training will assist us in further developing and improving these documents and to build on them with additional deliverable documents.

3) Data Collection Move to Action

A summary of key data points that the coalition identified in January was shared. The coalition moved to breakout rooms to discuss the key data and potential action steps. This information will be compiled, and possible next steps will be developed. This is likely an opportunity for some committee specific work. The data summary is attached with the minutes.

4) Engage Douglas County One Pager Document

A one-page document providing an overview of Engage Douglas County was shared. There were several suggestions to enhance the document, including providing less text, including hyperlinks to web addresses, and using the back to provide specific recruitment information for various sectors. DCCCA will revise the document and share an updated version with the coalition.

5) Coalition Recruitment Activity

Engage Douglas County members participated in an activity to identify potential partners from the following sectors – faith community, business community, and parents. Four groups met in breakout rooms to identify potential members of each sector, keeping in mind how they would benefit from being part of the coalition, why they are needed and what they could bring to the group. The information gathered will be compiled and an action plan will be developed for outreach and engagement. Resources are being developed to be used when reaching out to potential partners.

6) Douglas County Youth Prevention Board (DCYPB) Update

DCYPB is participating in National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. Please like and share our posts.



DCYPB participated in [Take Down Tobacco Day](#) at the Kansas capitol virtually this year. 3 members were able to attend the Kick Off Rally and they recorded a video to share with lawmakers: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02noa0v_0rY. DCYPB sponsors were able to meet with Senator Holland; information and the video was provided to Rep Ballard, Rep Haswood, and Rep Highberger via email.

April is Alcohol Awareness month and DCYPB will be implementing a “Be in the Majority” social norm campaign using social media to highlight the positive community norms using Douglas County data points. They also will be providing resources to alcohol retailers to share with their patrons to thank them for not providing alcohol to minors, bracelets with the “Be in the Majority” message to youth and encouraging parents and youth to sign an agreement to encourage clear rules about alcohol use in their families.

DCYPB also has social media accounts to follow –
DCYPB Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/dcy pb/>
DCYPB FB - <https://www.facebook.com/DCYPB/>

7) **Engage Douglas County Website Launch**

The Engage Douglas County website is live! Visit www.engagedouglascounty.org and help share this new community resource. If any coalition partners would like your logo and website linked on the partner page, please email tobias@createulift.com.

There are prevention ads running on Pandora and Snapchat targeting 13-29 year olds as part of our community outreach.

8) **Good Behavior Game and PAX Tools Training**

Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) will be offering PAX Tools training of trainers and PAX School at Home training to community partners June 1-3. The training is half days on June 1 and 2. June 3 is 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. A commitment to provide at least three trainings is required. The commitment form will be attached with the meeting minutes and should be returned to Austin.Hendrickson@ks.gov.

To register click here - https://bhworks-portal.mdlogix.com/users/sign_up?code=PAXToolsJune

KDADS will be offering Good Behavior Game training to first grade teachers across Kansas later this summer. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

DCCA will be offering a PAX Tools training for parents and other adults interacting with young children on April 15 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This training is free. Individuals can register at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwudOGsqjMqHNX6nz1O0q-YgrutYc-3BWzu>

9) **Open Collaboration/Announcements**

- Resiliency Coalition – Julia reported that there is a lot of activity occurring. The next meeting will be on April 20th. Contact Julia for additional information.
- Zero Suicide Initiative – There will be a county wide Zero Suicide meeting on April 16.
- Suicide Prevention Coalition – The coalition has moved to meetings every other month.



- Unified Command (Community Well-Being) – There will be a lunch and learn on March 24 featuring MyStrength from 12:00-12:30 via Zoom.
- Child Advocacy Center – Layla reported that Douglas County has a new Child Advocacy Center. Becky Price, Ballard Center, is a good contact to learn more about this Center – becky@ballardcenter.org.
- USD 497 – Kevin shared that USD 497 is considering repurposing Kennedy Elementary School to an early childhood center. This will be further discussed during the April Board of Education meeting.

10) Next Meetings

May 24, 2021, 2:30-4:00

August 23, 2021, 2:30-4:00

October 25, 2021, 2:30-4:00

December 13, 2021, 2:30-4:00

**No meetings in June or July. Options for committee engagement may be available.*