




February 23, 2023, 12 PM
Next meeting: March 23, 2023, 12 PM

- Welcome & Introductions:
- Let's Play "Prevention Trivia"
- SADD Update: Justin Noel
- OMPP Update: Justin Noel
- **Officers & Elections:** Denise Williams:
 - Capacity before implementation.
 - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Nominations & Elections:
 - Goal to start: 01/26/2022
 - Goal to implementation: 04/27/22
 - Start Date: FY24 through the end of FY26 (2-year position)
- **FY23 Strategies & Implementation:** Katie Wargo
 - Capacity Building: 12 Sectors
 - Safe County Alliance
 - Responsible Beverage Service Training/ Narcan
 - Needs Assessment
 - Youth & Adult Listening Sessions
- **Sound of Silence:** Denise Williams
 - Starting back in schools 2/1/23: Check Schedule Genius for upcoming sign-ups, Scan QR Code
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- Stakeholder Updates:

MINUTES FROM NORTHERN LIGHTS COALITION MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Attendees - (in person) Katie Wargo, Denise Williams, Emily Bishoff, Tommy Laird (Elevate Treatment Center, Angeleia Poore (Elevate Treatment Centers), Leon Fossett (AACO Mental Health Agency, (virtual) Michael Dorsey, Justin Noel (AACO SADD Advisor), Lousie Taliaferrio (Coalitions Coordinator AACO), Chelsea Neill (Luminis Health), Joy Cortina (Life of Joy Foundation)

After introductions, Katie had everyone play a trivia game. The questions were very hard but were all eye opening facts regarding AACO. Leon Fossett won with Lousie Taliaferrio coming in second. Leon won a Starbucks gift card.

Justin gave a SADD update. He currently has three schools signed up for the mini grant. His goal is to get all eleven schools signed up.

Justin also gave an OMPP update. He is working on getting one session per week. It was suggested that he get a parent education program for drug danger something similar to Chrysalis House.

Katie reminded everyone that elections for officers will be in May for the next two fiscal years.

Katie talked about the Safe County Alliance. We have been trying to get this up and running for two years. She expressed our frustration. It was suggested we join the PBA and Chamber of Commerce for the northern area and Severn Park. Joining would help with business relationships and exposure. She asked everyone to spread the word that Tips Training along with Narcan training is still free in AACO.

Katie asked if anyone knew of a group to do a listening session. We still need a few youth and adult sessions.

Katie and Emily gave updates on the SOS program. Between now and the end of the school year we have three scheduled and eleven pending. We are currently looking for panelists and guest speakers.

Joy gave a Joy of Life update. They are hosting a mental health wellness training. The training is being sponsored by the Health Department which is free. They currently have two scheduled training sessions at BWMC in March. They are not free.

Elevate gave an update on their program. It's a 30 outpatient program. They will soon be opening a halfway house, a 3.1 housing, a woman's iop housing. They currently offer scholarships and always follow their patients' progress.

PREVENTION

TRIVIA



1

How many residents are in the northern part of Anne Arundel County?

A: 247,892 residents in northern aa county

2

How many overdoses did we have in AA County in 2022?

A: 707 overdoses

3

How many alcohol-related accidents have we had in our county over the last five years?

A: 1545 residents

4

How many students do we currently have in Northern AA County?

A: 32,305 students

5

What are the 5 main roles in a successful coalition?

A: Capacity, Volunteer Opportunities, Clear vision/ Mission statement, reachable goals, clear initiatives

6

How many prevention coalitions are in AA County?

A: 4- Northern Lights, ASAP, SoCo Bridges, and WASP

7

Currently, what is the number one cause of an overdose related death?

A: Fentanyl

8

How can you save a life of a person who has overdosed?

A: Naxolone

9

What is the "Good Samaritan Law"?

A: Good Samaritan laws offer legal protection to people who give reasonable assistance to those who are, or whom they believe to be injured, ill, in peril, or otherwise incapacitated

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What is NLASA's mission statement?

A: The Northern Lights Against Substance Abuse unites community members in Northern Anne Arundel County to reduce the misuse of alcohol and drugs among youth and young adults through collaborative efforts using evidence-based strategies.