





March 23, 2023, 12 PM

Next meeting: April 27, 2023, at 12 PM

- **Welcome & Introductions:**
- **SADD Update:** Justin Noel
- **OMPP Update:** Justin Noel
- **Coalition Updates & Volunteer Opportunities!!** We need help running our resource tables!
  - April 15, 2023, at Brooklyn Park Library, TCP, 11 am - 2 pm
  - May 6, 2023, at Pip Moyer, Mental Health Agency, 10 am - 2 pm
  - May 6, 2023, at Heavenly Vision Community Church, 10 am - 3 pm
- **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:** Emily Bishoff
  - SOS Email: [SoundOfSilenceProgram23@gmail.com](mailto:SoundOfSilenceProgram23@gmail.com)
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  - Scan QR Code to sign up and Host an SOS
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- **Stakeholder Updates:**

## **NLASA Coalition Meeting on March 23, 2023 @ AACO Eastern District Police Station**

Attendees - (in person) Katie Wargo, Emily Bishoff, Devin Howard (case manager), Jen Yi (mental health for Asian Community), Joyce Sailisman (community volunteer), Moses Uwabun (community volunteer), Shajuan Morgan (advocate for youth education), Virgil Wells (bail bondsman and community volunteer), Keith Fielder (mental health first aid trainer), Alexander Brave (community volunteer)  
(virtual) - Denise Williams, Michael Dorsey, Justin Noel (SADD), Leslie Beers (ASAP), Kia Campbell, Joyce Cortina (Life of Joy), Shantia Jackson (Kingdom Care), Brian Washington (Army medical health),

Great Meeting!!!!

Justin Noel gave an update on SADD. Doing well, currently has 13 chapters (clubs). Has interest in 2 more clubs, one at Fresh Start Church and the other with Arundel High School. Justin also gave an update for the OMPP. He and Chelsea Neil are still visiting pharmacies and doctors with information on the misuse of opiates due to the over-prescription of the drugs. A new full time OMPP will begin next week.

Katie gave an update from the Arundel High School Mental Health Fair on Wednesday the 22nd. An amazing event. The fair involved the entire school. We were represented in the resource area. Emily and Denise worked it and were able to get six students to sign up for SADD and five students and teacher to sign up for NARCAN training. Katie and Justin were the main guest speakers. Together they gave an introduction of what a SADD club is and what the Sound of Silence program is and how to make positive life choices while addressing mental health issues. They were featured on the local news broadcast that evening. We are hoping all area schools do similar events.

Devin Howard believes he can help get SOS into a few area elementary schools. Old Mill Cluster SOS will take place next week on Monday and Tuesday.

Katie and Angel Trainer are planning to rework the Good Samaritan Law with a new PSA. It's becoming apparent some of the police who respond to overdoses are taking down names and contact information for the people calling 911 for assistance. The law states the police can not do that so people are more reluctant to call for help for fear of being arrested.

We then had a great open conversation on needs and concerns with our youth. Some of the needed suggestions included a parent class for pregnant teens and the babies' fathers. School health classes do not prepare our youth for the challenges they face raising a baby. Another suggestion was offering a class to know and understand how to better themselves. A warning about a new powerful drug on the streets called "Q". It's flooding the streets up north. It's a powerful large animal tranquilizer and more deadly than carfentanil. Everyone had input in the conversation.

Election Update and explanation of the 2 year responsibilities. Nominations start in April with elections in late May or June and duties start on July 1, 2023. Devin Howard expressed interest in a position.

Future events: The county is still offering free TIPS and Narcan training. We did four last month. Life of Joy continues to offer "Mental Health First Aid classes. Songs of Hope program on Sunday April 16th at St. Phillip Neri Church. Life of Joy Day is on June 10th at Church of Severn Run.

Jen Yi is having a mental health poster contest for our youth and a mental health fair "My Fair Health" in May