





April 27, 2023, 12 PM
Next meeting: May 28, 2023, at 12 PM

- **Welcome & Introductions:**
 - Meet our new Prevention Coordinator for the DOH
- **SADD Update:** Justin Noel
- **OMPP Update:** Meet the new OMPP Coordinator
- **Coalition Updates & Volunteer Opportunities!!** We need help running our resource tables!
 - 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
 - August 1, 2023: NNO: We have three locations to cover: Brooklyn park, Crofton Library, Earleigh Heights 6-8 pm
 - Life of Joy Day: June 3, 2023
- **Officers & Elections:** Denise Williams: **Today is Nomination Day!**
 - Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary
 - Voting: May 28, 2023
 - 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
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- **Stakeholder Updates:**

NORTHERN LIGHTS MONTHLY COALITION MEETING APRIL 27th, 2023

Attendees (in person) Katie Wargo, Emily Bishoff, Denise Williams, Ashley Ramsey, Bree Morrow OMPP coordinator, Lt. Brian Washington Army Prevention Supervisor, Ryan Marani Army prevention team, Victoria Yarbrough Army Prevention team, Devin Howard prevention and at-risk youth counselor
(Virtual) Michael Dorsey, Justin Noel SADD advisor, Chelsea Neil Pathways

After introductions, Justin Noel gave a SADD update. He currently has 15 active chapters and 4 chapters trained and going for themini-grantt. This far exceeds his goal for the year. To qualify for the mini-grants, students are asked to put together a skit or play, etc. Some have already completed this task. He said he is very impressed with the student's creativity.

Katie gave a calendar update of events. Since May is mental health awareness month, it seems like all facilities that bring awareness to mental health are hosting their events at the same time throughout the county. She asked for volunteer help to work the events.

Katie said we are moving forward with elections. So far Devin Howard is running for coalition chairperson. We hope to have more nominees by-elections.

Katie gave an update on our strategies. For the Safe County Alliance, the Department of Health changed the initiative and how to approach membership enrollment with bars and restaurants. Hopefully, it will work. Katie plans on door-knocking at restaurants in May.

Katie said Northern Lights is doing well with the TIPS/ Narcan training. We have met our quota for the fiscal year. She plans on doing a few in June after she does a new TIPS training course in May.

As far as the Listening Sessions, Northern Lights needs one more adult session to meet our quota. She asked if anyone knew of an adult group willing to participate.

Katie gave a Sound of Silence update. This past year, we have presented 27 school events and 8 community events. This would not have been possible without the support of the county school board and the OITT. We have one more school event scheduled and two more community events in June. The school is Annapolis Middle and the community events are a BBQ with Angel Trainer in Robin Wood and one at the H2O Club House with Pastor Sheryl Mendez.

We talked about working with a Meade Middle School student named Rudy. Her brother Anthony lost his life to suicide completion last year. She made a video tribute to her brother and wants to share it and talk to other students about preventing suicide. Her school counselor reached out to us in hopes we can make that happen. We have the support of her school principal and JJ from Crisis Response who works directly with her and her family. We hope to have her ready for the Annapolis Middle event. If not we will continue to work with her over the summer to prepare her for the 2023/2024 SOS school year.

