

WASP Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2024

Attendees: Katie Wargo, Coalition Coordinator; Ashley Ramsey, Prevention Coordinator; Mindi Garrett, Community Member; Desi Thomas, Suicide Prevention; Justin Noel, SADD Coordinator

To celebrate Heart Healthy Month, WASP dove into the topic of Smoking and vaping. We started with three videos about Vaping. One was from 2016, to show how Vaping was perceived as “Healthy’ just under ten years ago and was seen as a way to help with smoking. Then, a video from 2019, where a mother shed some light on what happened to her daughter, who was vaping daily and thought there was no dangers. Then, a most recent video dates back to 2007, when vaping first appeared. This video shared what we have learned in the last two decades and how dangerous Vaping is, from ads to our youth to facts and data comparing dates and knowledge to chemicals.

Although this was a small meeting, hearing the outrage from our members on videos that are still easily accessed on the promotion of vaping was insightful for us to better educate ourselves and the community on the dangers of vaping. Through this meeting, WASP Coordinator Katie was able to create an interactive Booth for the house of addictions to help our youth visually see what vaping can and will do to their bodies and see the chemicals firsthand in hopes of stopping teen vaping.

There will not be a March Meeting. House of Addictions will run from March 13th to 15th. We hope everyone can join us there. See you all in April for a Virtual Meeting.