



Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: 9/20/24 Meeting #185 Meeting Conducted by: Paula Zachary

Minutes taken by: Gaylin Mull

Coalition Members Present Name & Title	Organization Name and Role in Organization	Sector Representation
Cali LeBlanc	TPG	Staff
Matthew Foster	SLU Health Center	Healthcare Professional
Gaylin Mull	TPG	Parent
Bridget Bailey	TPG	Staff
Aaron Chabaud	LHSC	Law Enforcement
Paula Zachary	Parent	Parent
Davin Siekkinen	Parent	Parent
Pat Mashburn	The Ness Center	Other Sub Abuse Organization
Ashley Lesaicherre	Honeycomb Homes & Properties	Business
Angela Shuckhart	OPH	Other Community Agency
Strader Cieutat	Tangipahoa Parish School System	School
Michael Otkins	AmeriHealth Caritas	Healthcare Professional
Rebecca Abel	TADAC	Youth Serving Organization
Davin Siekkinen	Parent	Parent
Lauren Franklin	The Ness Center	Other Sub Abuse Organization
CW2 William Petty	National Guard	Other Community Agency
Christa Stewart	Ponchatoula Area Recreation District #1	Youth Serving Organization
Shakeisha McKay	OPH	Other Community Agency
Brandon Hurst	OPH-LDH	Other Community Agency
Michelle Gallo	Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa	Youth Serving Organization
Brittny Soteropoulos	Healthy Blue of Louisiana	Healthcare Professional
Rusty Fornea	ADAPT	Youth Serving Organization
Jana Pounds	ADAPT	Youth Serving Organization
Crystal Hooper	Tangipahoa Parish School System	School
Tiffany McGary-Cyprian	Project Blessings All Year Round	Other
Melissa Neeson	Tangipahoa Parish School System	School
Colton Wilson	Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa	Youth Serving Organization
Chris Fox	SOARR	Youth Serving Organization
Kim Butcher	Well-Ahead	Other Community Agency
Jason Fontenelle	Louisiana Healthcare Connections	Healthcare Professional
Therese Hoggatt	SLU Health Center	Healthcare Professional
Gavin Guidry Jr.	Office of Julia Letlow	Government Agency
Chris Roy	VIA LINK	Other Community Agency
Monica Williams	Acadia Healthcare	Other Community Agency
Kyera Lucas	Clarity Through Community	Other Community Agency
Chelsea James	TADAC	Youth Serving Organization
Kristian Phillips	TADAC	Youth Serving Organization

Carolyn Jackson	Northlake Homeless Coalition	Other Community Agency
Tanzel Montgomery	Louisiana Healthcare Connections	Healthcare Professional
James Soileau	La Probation and Parole	Law Enforcement
Hazel Knighten	West Feliciana Coalition	Other Community Agency
Judy Houston	Aetna Better Health	Healthcare Professional
Elizabeth Garland	United Way of Southeast Louisiana	Other Community Agency

	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome/ Introduction	<i>Introductions</i>	The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM by Paula Zachary who also welcomed everyone to the TRACC meeting. The meeting was held at the Clausen Building in Hammond, LA. All in attendance, in unison, read the TRACC mission statement, which is located at the top of the agenda.
	<i>Approve Minutes</i>	Bridget Bailey made the motion to approve the minutes with the amendment and Michelle Gallo seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous. Motion Carried.
	<i>Village of Hope Leadership Forum-August 2nd</i>	Gaylin reported that she and Taylor attended the Village of Hope Leadership Forum at Camp Living Waters. They spoke to about 30 students and shared their Vaping presentation with them. Cali reported that she could not attend due to illness, however April Higgins attended in her place and presented the B.R.A.K.E.S. presentation.
	<i>Back to School Bashes</i>	Bridget reported that TRACC participated in about four Back 2 School Bashes in our parish giving out rulers to all the children. Michelle reported out on Crime Stoppers Back 2 School Bash in Independence, stating there will be changes next year. Paula reported that she and Becca attended the Back 2 School Bash for Educators Club House in Ponchatoula. Christa reported out about PARD's Back 2 School Bash and its success.
	<i>Legislative Forum-August 20th</i>	Bridget reported that this year's Legislative Forum was a huge success with about 50 or more attendees. Community and Legislative input was given. Our panel speakers were Dr. Shayla Polk from the Office of the Governor on Drug Policy, Rebecca Chaisson from Louisiana State Crime Lab, and Lt. Tom Wheeler from the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. They spoke about the latest drug trends they are seeing from the state to our local community.
	<i>Jamboree @ Loranger High School- August 29th</i>	Cali reported that she, Taylor, and Gaylin attended the High School Jamboree at Loranger this year. We reached 5 local schools in attendance handing out fans to students and parents with our message printed on them that says, "Life's a Journey, Travel Drug Free."
	<i>Youth Focus Group</i>	Bridget reported that this past summer in July we reached out to our attendees from our Spring Youth Leadership Forum. Our first meeting with students from the South end of the parish did not happen because no students attended the meeting. We were, however, able to hold a focus group meeting in the North end of the parish in Kentwood. The students in attendance talked about two prevalent issues they see which are vaping and school violence related to fights. The fights stem from vaping and relationships, for example friends fighting with friends.
	<i>Community Events Committee</i> <i>Tangi Library Booktober Fest- October 12 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm</i>	Bridget reported the Booktober Fest happens every year where the library gives out free books. The community events committee felt that this is a good opportunity for us to have outreach. We will pass out a volunteer sheet to help with this event, as well as others on the agenda. Bridget discussed some items that we are working on to purchase

		for our outreach. The coalition was shown the slap wrist bands and talked about other items that will be purchased. No one had a problem with the idea. Chris Fox also spoke out and talked about the importance of reaching those in homeschool. Chris stated that it is difficult to target that demographic, and Bridget agreed how difficult that is, but she is hoping that we can target that audience at this event.
	<i>Halloween in the Park @ PARD- October 18th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.</i>	Christa reported that PARD is hosting Halloween in the Park. They are looking for food vendors and are also looking for vendors for the trick-or-treating part of the event. Christa has a QR code available to scan to sign up to be a vendor.
	<i>Boo @ the Rec - October 30th from 5pm - 7pm</i>	Bridget reported that Boo at the Rec will take place at the Hammond Recreation Center. TRACC will have a presence at this for outreach.
	<i>Nightmare in the Arena</i>	Bridget reported that Tangipahoa Parish Government and TPSO are partnering for a Halloween event called Nightmare in the Arena. TRACC will have a presence at this event.
	<i>Red Ribbon Week Initiatives</i>	Bridget reported that last year we started our Red Ribbon Initiative with our community asking local businesses to sign our pledge. We had about 130 businesses take part from Kentwood to Manchac. We will do the same thing this year and contact the businesses that participated last year as well as hoping to get new businesses involved. We will do the ribbon cutting ceremony on the 18th of October here at the Clausen building before our monthly coalition meeting. We will pass out the ribbons to who we can at that time. Crystal Hooper, a TPSS District Social Emotional Learning Coach reported that they provide character lessons for the district. They will tie in the Red Ribbon Week Curriculum that was presented to them at our meeting to the students and TPSS will send out the pledge to the students as well as the parents to sign. Each school will get a red ribbon to put on their doors. Michelle also stated that our local SADD chapter has a one minute video that will be shown to the schools. Michelle reported that on October 23rd the Hammond DDD is doing their big downtown trick or treating. Crimestoppers along with TRACC will have a section of Cypress Street by the Children's Discovery Center blocked off. We will not be passing out candy, but will have strictly crime prevention materials, medication safety, and drug prevention materials to educate parents and students.
	<i>So I Graduated, Now What? - October 26th from 10 am - 3 pm</i>	Cali reported that Kelly Barze from Showers of Blessings is hosting a career fair type of event called, "So I Graduated, Now What?" The community events committee suggested that we just give materials about prevention for this event as it doesn't really go with our mission.
	<i>Sober Tailgate</i>	Cali reported that Lion Up Recovery is hosting a Sober Tailgate event on November 9th from 1pm-5pm at SLU's home football game. TRACC is not hosting this event, however they are just participating with Lion Up Recovery. The coalition is invited to attend.
	<i>Media Committee</i>	Cali reported that the next Media Committee meeting will be September 27th at 9:30am here at the Clausen Building.
	<i>Upcoming Radio Interview</i>	Next radio interview is September 26th. We will talk about Red Ribbon Week and the Night Out Against Crime event.
	<i>Youth Committee</i>	Next meeting date will be October 1 at 9:30 am here at the Clausen building

Other Business	<p><i>KEYS Alliance Toolkit</i></p> <p>Sustainability Committee</p> <p><i>Updating Sustainability Plan</i></p>	<p>Toolkit is almost finished. We are finished making this a digital aspect. However, we need to finalize a few things and then we can send it out to our local High Schools.</p>
	<p><i>Empty Chair Project</i></p> <p><i>LHSC Grant Updates</i></p> <p>Other Items</p> <p><i>Youth Committee Mtg.</i></p> <p><i>TRACC Law Enforcement Meeting</i></p> <p><i>TRACC Coalition Meeting</i></p>	<p>Aaron reported that we are in the process of amending, reformatting, and updating the sustainability plan which is our activity plan for the whole coalition. What we would like to do is put something together in an outline and let the coalition see it before we make amendments. Bridget stated that it has been a while since we have asked the coalition what they feel needs to be sustained. We need to work on this now so that we can say what we are going to do for the future. We are in our 9th year and this helps us move forward and not let the ball drop on the work that we have done.</p> <p>Paula reported that a local school teacher, Angela Shockley, whose daughter Morgan overdosed is starting the Empty Chair Project piggy backing off of another established project. She wants to do this in memory of her daughter and for others to participate. She will be at the Amite Courthouse and will have chairs set up and allow others to do the same. Bridget stated that the National movement is called Mo's movement in recognition of those who have lost their lives due to the fentanyl crisis. This event is October 25 starting at 9:00 am.</p> <p>Bridget reported that we are waiting on our "go to work" letters for No Refusal, B.R.A.K.E.S., and SBIRT. We know that they have been awarded, but are still waiting.</p> <p>October 1, 2024 @ 9:30AM, Clausen Large Conference Room September 26, 2024 @ 9:30 AM, Clausen Large Conference Room October 18, 2024 @ 12 PM, Clausen Large Conference Room</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.</p>