**Woodford County ASAP Board Meeting Minutes**

**EMS Conference Room, Big Sink Location**

**September 20, 2022**

Present:

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| Permanent Voting Members | Non-Permanent Voting Members | Non-Voting Members / Guests |
| * New Vista, DeShawn Freeman * WCHS Family Resource Center & Youth Service Center Director, Jasmine Hazelwood * DCBS-Julie Snawder * Judge Exec. James Kay   Absent:   * WCHD Director Cassie Prather | * EMS Director and Mental Health Commissioner, Freeman Bailey, Chair * M & M Director, Lisa Johnson * Versailles Police Department, Rob Young * UK Cooperative Extension Office, Elizabeth Coots * Woodford County Attorney, Alan George * WC Sheriff’s Department, Jimmy Fugate   Absent   * WC CASA Coordinator, Jeanne Box * Serenitee, Sephanie M. Raglin | * Woodford County Magistrate, Larry Blackford * WCMS Family Resource Center & Youth Service Center Director, Mallory White * Anne Hagan, WC Health Dept. * Amber Ramsay, Isaiah-House * Devone Christmas, WCHS Counseling Intern |

Freeman Bailey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The membership reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Alan George made a motion to accept the minutes. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion passed. Minutes will be filed as presented.

Lisa Johnson introduced guest speaker, Professor Alfgeir Kristjannsson, who joined in via Zoom from West Virginia University. He is originally from Iceland and worked on the inception of the Planet Youth organization. He started by clarifying that Planet Youth is an organization, not a model, as many have confused the two. He covered the different types of interventions throughout the span of addiction. He discussed the likelihood of different circumstances that tend to cause youth to become addicted. The reality is that there is a pattern of youth who come from disadvantaged backgrounds who are more likely to try and become addicted to substances. Community members play the most important role at the local level. The Icelandic model is four interconnected circles around the individual – family, leisure time, peer group, and school – the four biggest indicators of youth using substances. Local community coalitions need to be at the wheel to help people take ownership of the issues through a culture they know.

In follow-up discussion and questions from the group, Lisa Johnson asked what our next step should be. Alfgeir suggested to make sure the school system is on board and the local community is prepared to make this grassroots change. He is going to send his PowerPoint to Freeman to view later.

Freeman asked everyone to review the budgets and bring any questions to the next meeting.

Introductions and announcements:

* Julie Snawder announced that DCBS is now located on Thomas Lane.
* Elizabeth Coots announced that Truth and Consequences will be Thursday at the Middle School.
* Lisa Johnson commented that Mentors and Meals is always looking for mentors for the program. The program this year will begin on October 10 for new students and October 17 for returning students.
* Revive Lifehouse 36-month residential treatment center for men.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the EMS Conference Room on Big Sink.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Coots