



Woodford County ASAP Board Meeting Minutes
Versailles Police Department
Tuesday, May 19th, 2026

Permanent Voting Members • Woodford Judge Executive, James Kay • WCPS, Superintendent designate, Jill Hargis • Woodford County Health Department Director, Cassie Prather • Family Service Office, Woodford Co. Protection & Permanency Social Worker, Brittany Ellison • New Vista, Director of Prevention, Tara Starwalt	Non-Permanent Voting Members • EMS Director and Mental Health Commissioner, Freeman Bailey • Woodford Community, Ariel Smith • Versailles Police Department Chief, Rob Young • WC Casa Coordinator, Heather Porter • Versailles Police Victims Advocate, Ellie Castle • M & M Director & Versailles City Council, Lisa Johnson • County Attorney, designee Cassie Barnes • Woodford Community, Angie Stewart Absent: • Woodford County Drug Task Force, Kelly Carl • WC Sheriff's Department, Jimmy Fugate	Non-voting Members/Guests • Woodford Health Dept., Yesenia Reyes • The Ridge, Brittany Riggins • Life Adventure Center, Executive, Megan Bentley • PALS, Larry Blackford • Woodford ASAP Coordinator, Nancy Blackford • Isaiah House, Jason Gabbart • Strengthening Transformations, Brittany Campbell • Frisc WCPS, Zoe Zamora • Celebrate Recovery, Ameilia Meekins
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Called to order 8:35am by Freeman Bailey

Welcome/Introductions

Freeman Bailey

Approval of the Minutes: James Kay motion to approve the minutes and Lisa Johnson seconded the **motion passed**.

Voted on Heather Porter to be the Vice President of the ASAP board.

Motion by Rob Young and seconded by Cassie Prather, **motion passed**.

Scholarship Committee Report

Heather Porter

Heather Porter reported that the scholarship committee received nine applicants for four scholarships, the highest number of applicants to date. Scholarships included leadership and achiever categories. The selected recipients were:

- Leadership Scholarships: Audrey Pernice and Faith Ann Davis
- Achiever Scholarships: Eugenia Langdok, John Lopez, and Claire Poole

Recipients are scheduled to be announced at the Senior Awards presentation later that week.

Update on City County Opioid Position

Cassie Prather

The City approved the Substance Use Disorder Specialist (SUDSS) at the City Council meeting. This position will be housed at the WC Health Dept. After approved by the State, it takes about two weeks to get the position posted and ready for applicants to apply. The United Way has started coming to the health department on Mondays and also bringing in a Mental Health Specialist as well. The health department will be offering resources to everyone including those that are not insured. The SUDSS position will be the face and bridge for the Woodford ASAP Board and a face for the City & County Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds. It will be an experienced peer support to talk to those who are struggling with substance use. This position will be posted thru mid-June.

Motion to switch the Woodford County Summit in May until we have the Substance Use Disorder Support Specialist hire, Cassie Prather first and seconded by Rob Young **motion passed**.

RFP requests and recommendations

Freeman Bailey

Mentors and Meals hosted a “Lets taco Bout it, Screens, Substances, and Social Media” parent youth cafe April 30th, had 22 attendees, 7 table hosts, 1 facilitator, and 19 surveys completed. 47% who attended were under 14 and 5% 15-30, 37% were 30-55, 10% were over 55. Parents were able to be educated on images/emojis and talk with other parents about this. 50% of the audience knew where to go for resources. Lisa is requesting 2,800 to get funds to do more Parent and Youth Cafes and continue more mentors and meals for students affected by opioid use disorder. Life Adventure Center requested \$ 2,709 to improve their archery program by replacing supplies shed and annual training for staff. Megan Bentley stated 80% of their clients are impacted by substance use disorders and incarcerated loved ones.

James Kay abstained from voting for the motion on mentors and meals since he serves on the board. being a voting member for the M&M. James Kay asked that we wait to send the RFP's to the City & Fiscal Court for approval, but to send to Lauren Carr with KACO and Jessie Halladay with the State to give insight of agreement this is allowable. Motion to put the voting for the requested money from the opioid abatement funds goes in front of KACO and the State to give insight of agreement of approval. Once the data returns, and no changes requested, ASAP Board can proceed and send it on to the city council and fiscal court. Rob Young submitted the motion stated above for Mentors & Meals and Ellie Castle second. Motion passed. Motion as stated above to send the Life Adventure Center proposal of requested funds, Cassie Prather motioned first and seconded by Rob Young. Motion passed.

Budget 2026-2027 ASAP Grants

Nancy Blackford

Budget 2026-2027 Supplemental/ Harm Reduction Grant-Pending

Nancy stated she needs progress reports on a few mini grants for the events that were held and any receipts to show where the funds were spent. Mini grants allocated needed to be spent by June 1st. Money leftover will get used to not losing the grant money. Nancy asked, are there any questions about the budgets pass out, no questions asked. She said to feel free to contact her.

Update on Narcan Dispensaries

Freeman Bailey

Freeman Bailey reported that Narcan dispensaries continue to be stocked using state funding sources. Narcan distribution efforts continue throughout the county and community organizations.

Net Devices

Freeman Bailey

Freeman Bailey reported that three Net devices have been successfully utilized and the program has shown positive early outcomes. Additional long-term data and updates are pending.

Announcements:

Yesenia, Woodford Health Department - Woodford Health Department June 18th there will be an event hosted by Harm Reduction staff Caron.

Cassie Prather, Woodford Health Department- Brought some posters on safe storing for the vapes with THC.

Brittany Riggins, The Ridge- Structured outpatient program has started for the summer for mental health for adolescents.

Rob Young, Versailles Police Department- Thanked the ASAP Board for funding the last event for the at risk youth to have a positive experience with law enforcement and Ellie for putting the event together.

Angie Stewart- August 15th hosted an event Remembering Rachel or anyone who lost someone due to losing someone to an overdose.

Jason Gabhart, Isaiah House- Open beds for men and women, same day. Saturday June 6th Springfield graduation at 1pm.

Megan Bentely, Life Adventure Center- Camps are open and scholarships are available for that as well. Fostering Unity event June 14th specifically for foster families. Service family retreat June 20-21st for anyone military or substance use pre auth registration is open for that as well.

Judge, James Kay- Zack Stewart is opening his own landscape business and is taking on new clients.

Brittany Campbell, Strengthening Transformations- Saturday July 25th 8th annual Friendship Fest.

Jill Hargis, Superintendent WCPS - The public school is having Sun Behavioral Health for kindergarten through 5th grade

Tara Starwalt, New Vista- Can supply items such as a lock bag and storage box for safe storage for vaping and medications from others

Meeting Adjourned by Freeman Bailey 9:41am

Next meeting – July 21, 2026

Minutes Recorder- ariel Smith