**Woodford County ASAP Board Meeting Minutes**

**Versailles Police Department, N. Main St.**

**Tuesday, July 15th, 2025**

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| **Permanent Voting Members*** County Judge Executive, **James Kay**
* New Vista, Director of Prevention, **Tara Starwalt**
* Family Service Office, Woodford Co. Protection & Permanency Social Worker- **Brittany Ellison**

**Absent:*** WCHD Director, **Cassie Prather**
* WCHS Family Resource Center &Youth Service Center Coordinator, **Torie Hundley**
 | **Non-Permanent Voting Members*** EMS Director and Mental Health Commissioner, **Freeman Bailey**
* County Attorney, **Alan George**
* Versailles Police Department Chief, **Rob Young**
* Versailles Police Victims Advocate, **Ellie Castle**
* WC Sheriff’s Department, **Jimmy Fugate**
* WC Casa Coordinator, **Heather Porter**
* Outreach Coordinator Brightview, **Ariel Smith**
* Woodford County Drug Task Force, **Kelly Carl**
* M & M Director & Versailles City Council, **Lisa Johnson**
* Serenitee at its Best, Director **Stephanie Raglin**
 | **Non-voting Members/Guests*** Woodford ASAP Coordinator, **Nancy Blackford**
* Woodford County Magistrate **Larry Blackford**
* Woodford County Health Department **Yesenia Ryes**
* The Ridge, **Brittany Riggins**
* YEP, project director, **Cole Grannis**
* New Vista Prevention, **Kyra Collins**
* Transformations, **Britttany Campbell**
* Woodford County Health Department, **Caron Neal**
* Isaiah House, Client Care Navigator, **Jason Gabhart**
* Isaiah House, Client Care Navigator, **Pam Knowles**
* New Vista, **Madeline Coy**
* Journey Church, **Tony Hardis**
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**Meeting started at 8:37 am Freeman Bailey**

**Welcome/Introductions**

**Approval of minutes**

Motion by James Kay, Second by Lisa Johnson

Motion moved

**Updates from YEP Cole Grannis, YEP Coordinator**

Cole is continuing some of the programs from last year. Youth Council 7 to 8 students they meet monthly. This is youth led; we want the project to be youth led. These are leaders in the schools. In middle school they create assistance and are mentors for their peers. This is model based on Sources of Strength. What’s coming this year, Youth Cafes are peer led by the youth council to facilitate amongst their peers. They can talk about some set questions that are set up on the table. There will also be chaperones but mainly led by peers. Youth café is a partner of MCH, (maternal child health) grant program by our State Department. We have that partnership and we are the first 20 counties in the state that are doing this. We get 22,000 for the first two years to help get this program off the ground. We are doing two dates, in the fall and one in the spring. Mid-to-late October and early December are going to be the first dates for the youth groups to be holiday themed and provide food to help engage with their peers. We are planning to be more involved iwith community activities in the fall. We have a table on Septmeber 12th with the school district on mental health by Amy Oats and her team. That is going to be an evening during the football game providing giveaways and challenges with small games for prizes of gift cards. This will bring attention to what programs are being offered in the community. We are getting additional repartitions for things like sunglasses. We have a ton tabling events this summer side by side with the mobile unit. Yep, is partnering Midway community nature camp collaborated with the Midway Ministerial unit, Library, and Walter Bradley. This will take place July 25th and 26th, this is an invitation to Walter Bradley Park. They will have yoga and food. A big thing we want to focus on next year is pushing them to be able to assist the students with high ACE indicators with the FRCS and counselors regularly. Yep will continue this model to provide support and excursions in the high school. At the middle school there is a push for during the school day to give the kids an experience involving the curriculum they learn in the school. This program will help kids learn to read a map and a compass. We want to show that we will be a good partner for the school district. With the ASAP grant (2,800) from last year we partner with a card company (Yiftee) and created an account. This summer FRCS will provide engagement cards for those who they’re routinely seeing and needing the funds to help with programs. We have additional funds put aside to help with funding the program. We have loaded the cards with $50 to make sure that they’re being spent so it doesn’t go back to the card company. This will show data that this is a needed program. The ACES scores are covered by the grant to be able to provide the funding on the cards, along with ASAP funding to prevent substance abuse. 60 total kids will be participating in the program, 30 at high school and 30 at middle school.

**Updates from Mentors and Meals Lisa Johnson, Director**

Rachel Stanley coordinates the youth driven grant. ASAP helped fund this initiative. This grant was called, “Vape free is the way to be”. We had a grant supervisor from Midway, Trevor Alexander. He is from Somerset and is a non-traditional student. The three student Preston Graham, Anahi Garci’s, and Samantha Ballard, are the ones who wrote the grant. The group chose this grant because nicotine crisis is an extremely prevalent issue in Woodford County as students have easy access. The attended audience is the middle schoolers and those who attend mentors and meals. Café 1 was January 28th of knowledge youth development. The second café was on March 11th with protective factors which help young people have resources for this. The five proactive factors: knowledge of adolescent development, social connections, resilience, cognitive and emotional competence, and concrete support. Food and Kroger cards to give incentive to those who are 11 and older. This was a big factor in getting people to come to the cafes. We talked to the parents about why they should come to the café. We presented this as a safe place to learn about student development. There were agreements reviewed, explained the 5 factors, had an icebreaker on active listening, split into small groups, and did a closing activity. In the small groups they had student cards and parent cards with questions about vaping. Lisa wanted to be trained to do both the parent and youth café host and was able to train the trainer for the other staff members. Before they got their $10 gift card, we did a survey to gather some data. One of the questions was if they learned something new about e-cigarettes, which was 96.8%. Most felt more comfortable talking about having a conversation about vapes. Other topics they wanted to learn about. They enjoyed the space being comfortable and non-judgmental and also the $10 gift cards. We want to reach more students and host 3 of these per year. We want to thank New Vista, ASAP, Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and the amazing mentors.

**Updates on Opioid Settlement requests Freeman Bailey, Chair**

Freeman Bailey received two requests to receive a mini grant from the City and County Opiod Settlement finds. These requests are going to be sent to Allen George to review. The first request was Logan from Safe Harbor and wanted to know about buying a vape detector, 14,400 is the cost for that. The second request was for the girls’ softball program currently at the barn at the Falling Spring Park and wanted to pay off the building balance, the amount not quoted. Freeman asked the group to come up with some ideas to utilize these funds. The most important thing about these funds is how we spend and document these funds. We can spend this money on education. We want to use this money in the best way possible and have the long-term effects. We have used one of the net devices that has been paid from the opioid settlement funds and are waiting for the data to determine its success. We are still looking for participants to be in the Net device program. We currently have 3 openings for this device. Freeman stated we have had 3 recent possible overdoses. We will bring this topic up again at the next meeting. If you have someone, the point of contact in our ASAP group is Jason Gabhart from the Isaiah House.

**2025-2026 Budget**

Nancy Blackford passed out and email both ASAP Traditional Grant budget reports and Harm Reduction Grant budget reports. The mini grants allocations for July 1st- June30th is now open for spending. This grant money must be spent during the grant year. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Nancy Blackford.

**Announcements:**

Madeline Coy, Local Resource Coordinator, with New Vista is new to the role and wants to build relationships. Youth to the age of 25 is our focus. We are working on a transition guide for youth aging out of the system. Regional inter agency council

Tara, New Vista- We are providing some free standing Narcan boxes to put out in the community.

Heather Porter, Casa- August 23rd 5krun and 1k for the kids at Winstar farm is our fundraiser.

Brittany Campbell, Strengthening Transformations- Saturday is Friendship Fun Fest.

Elli Castle, Police Department- Our safe summer kick off was successful this year and thank you to the community partners.

Tony Hardis, Journey Church- We have a Celebrate Recovery Program which meets Thursdays at 6pm and has 40-70 people who attend.

Lisa Johnson, Mentors and Meals- annual team trivia night August 28th at the Woodford Inn. We have a way to fund by advertising your company to promote you.

Jason Gabhart, Isaiah House- Jason Gabhart, Client Care Navigator, taking over Pam’s territory in Woodford. Having a 5k this Saturday at Legacy Trail in Lexington all proceeds go to our clients.

Ariel Smith, Brightview- August 20th Webinar for Navigating Recovery for Pregnant Women.

**Next meeting:** September 16, 2025.

**Adjourned: 10:48am**

**Minutes Recorder- Ariel Smith**