**Woodford County ASAP Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Tuesday, May 20th, 2025**

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| **Permanent Voting Members*** Superintendent of Woodford County designee, **Jill Hargiss**

New Vista, Director of Prevention, **Tara Starwalt*** County Judge Executive, **James Kay**
* Woodford County Health Department Director, **Cassie Prather**
* Family Service Office, Woodford Co. Protection & Permanency Social Worker- **Brittany Ellison**

**Absent:**•WCHS Family Resource Center &Youth Service Center Coordinator, **Torie Hundley** | **Non-Permanent Voting Members*** County Attorney, **Alan George**
* EMS Director and Mental Health Commissioner, **Freeman Bailey**
* Versailles Police Victims Advocate, **Ellie Castle**
* WC Sheriff’s Department, **Jimmy Fugate**
* WC Casa Coordinator, **Heather Porter**
* Community Outreach Manager Brightview, **Ariel Smith**
* Versailles Police Department Chief, **Rob Young**

**Absent:*** M & M Director & Versailles City Council, **Lisa Johnson**
* Director of SAIB, **Dr. Stephanie Raglin**
* Drug Task Force**, Magistrate Kelly Carl**
 | **Non-voting Members/Guests*** Woodford ASAP coordinator, **Nancy Blackford**
* Woodford County Magistrate **Larry Blackford**
* The Ridge, **Brittany Riggins**
* YEP, project director, **Cole Grannis**
* New Vista Prevention, **Kyra Collins**
* Uk Healthcare, **Riki Whitlock**
* Strengthening Transformations, **Britttany Campbell**
* Woodford County Health Department, **Caron Neal**
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8:34 am –Meeting started by **Freeman Bailey**

**Introduction**

Approval of the minutes motioned by Rob Young and seconded by Judge James Kay.

**Updates and Intro to New Vistas Director of Prevention, Tara Starwalt**

Tara has a social work degree and experience in risky behaviors. She spent 6 years in Kentucky’s HIV clinic. With that she dealt with houselessness, low-income families and was able to work with the whole person. New vista serves 17 counties including Woodford County. New Vista works closely with ASAP. Tara took Deshawn place as she moved to the state level. Tara is in long term recovery and will have 16 years of sobriety next month. We don’t just look at substance use, we are looking at everything in a holistic approach. Kentucky is experiencing a 30% decrease in overdose deaths. Every touch that law enforcement and the community has made has contributed to that. New Vista has funding for things they can help in the community. Kyra Collins is the prevention specialist for this area and is here to provide services for the community. Newest to prevention we have order two standing naloxone boxes stands that used to be newspaper distributors. They are getting ready to put these out in Woodford County expected to be here for the next 6-8 weeks. One will be at the Dollar Tree and possibly the Woodford Health Department. The state has the Naloxone saturation plan to help get Narcan out in the community. As the fiscal year ends, she will be taking on more projects to help the communities with funding.

**Brainstorm Session for Woodford County Opiod’s Settlement spending short term/long term. Freeman Bailey**

Net recovery needs names of individuals to do the net device. It is all paid for already for four spots and just needs the individuals who are going to utilize this. The court has ideas for ways to spend the opioid abatement funding short and long term.

Judge James Kay- We have the Opiod summit and brainstorming ideas. Number one- is needing a detox center in Woodford County. Worked with the Judge Executives in Anderson County and Franklin. They potentially had an old church that may work for that. They are interested in continuing to look for a building to work. That will be in the million-dollar range. We are about 350,000 in county funding and the city has funding. These amounts will increase.

Other suggestions are the YEP project and NET recovery is the very first project for funding. The health department is no longer seeing any patients for medical assisted treatment. The health department wants funds to go into education on substance use for the public schools. Parents in particular are surprised with what is going on with the fake pills and how prescriptions don’t seem as bad because a doctor prescribed them. Continuing education programs for those that are released. There are a lot of programs that are happening for folks in jail but stop once released. Dental grants for dental work. Suites and job interview preparation for people who need this and don’t have the opportunity. Job connection programs. Justion Jones was talking about a work treatment program. Expand Narcan education and distribution of vivitrol, naltrexone having that available. Behavioral therapy, contingency management treatment, rewards systems for those passing their screens. More suggestions for having Prevention Specialist in the schools. Medical provider educator and identify people who are doctor shopping. United way was looking at the old Presbyterian Church, but it needs a full restorations and due to the cost and time it has been harder to look at creating another program. United Way needed to move and act so they are up and running in Lexington. James Kay stated last year we had 6 overdose deaths, which has been the lowest recorded overdose deaths compared to double digit overdose deaths. James Kay stated Woodford County ASAP are doing great things and doing better than the past 10 years ago. It was recommended to get the ministers in the community involved with the ASAP board to share ideas. If we have something that is not an opioid fund related specific we can go back to the city and county to request funding.

**Scholarship Committee, Heather Porter**

The following scholarships were rewarded:

Achiever Scholarship: Mackenzie Zornes and Ayana Wilson

Leadership Scholarship: Emma Metzger and Madeline Shore

**Announcements**

Jill Jargis- Mental Health event with all mental health providers September 12th before the football game.

Brittany Campbell- Friendship Festival at Versailles Downtown district 2-5pm, July 19th.

Ellie Castle, Versailles Police Department- Safe Summer kick off on June 5th.

Freeman Bailey, EMS September 13th at the old Highschool-Kids Safety Fair.

Ariel Smith, Brightview Health- Webinar May 21st at 12-1pm Millennials in Recovery offering free ceus.

Cassie Prather, Woodford Health Department- QPR training and mental health first aid discussion zoom meeting on June 2nd 2-3:30pm. Email if interested and she will send the zoom link.

Nancy Blackford, Coordinator – 2024-2025 budget is coming to an end and requested all progress reports and invoices turned into her by the end of the month. Money not used will be spent on equipment and funding on the Narcan bags.

**Next meeting**: July 15,2025

Adjourned at 9:32a.m.