

Minutes of SHAC/Ounce of Prevention DLSISD, Pewitt, Hughes Springs, Chapel Hill Tues. April 12, 2022

Attendance: 24 Agencies, 9 School, 1 Faith based=34 Total

Link to video of meeting: Here is the link for April 12th Ounce of Prevention Meeting (Disclaimer-Brief interruption due to technical issue, but it restarts.)

Meeting Recording:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/cq5ZAIP15bLx50wnyJaS530r42IZz9Kxyz_EV1IQAzS4phhdR7Qu3drpCnjNge9m.jFLmwwT83CZD6Wv

DFPS-Rosemary Torres- Shared the story of the “Blue Ribbon.” The number to report is 1-800-252-5400 or online txabuse.org. Blue Sunday is April 24th where churches pray.

Stats: Morris County 109 Completed Investigations, 66 Confirmed victims and of those 66 25 removals. In the State of Texas there were 199 deaths. In 23 Counties of our Region we had 15 deaths.

When a child is removed we have a rainbow room for items children’s needs that are removed.

Skye Vetter Hays- We do not have any Morris County families who provide foster homes.

FAYS- Bobby Mangham- The Family And Youth Success (FAYS) Program works with youth ages 0 to 17 and their families who are dealing with everyday struggles like family conflict, truancy, running away, and behavioral concerns. Our main goal is to strengthen family relationships and to keep families together. FAYS services are at no cost to the family and we meet you where you are. There is a FAYS Program in every county in Texas. To find your program, you can call our office at 866-782-7031, or you can look up your FAYS provider on our state website, GetParentingTips.com. April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month, so please be cognizant of the youth you work with. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, please report it.

Safe-T Agency- Charla Bowen- Safe-T’s mission is to create an environment where violence and abuse are not tolerated in communities we serve. They cover: Titus, Camp, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Wood, and Red River Counties. 24 hr. Crisis line: 903-575-9999 See Flyer for more details.

Discussed a new therapy they are using at Safe-T involving “Georgia” the therapy dog. She said studies show that 10 minutes with a dog can be equal to a 30 minute counseling session. See ppt. attached.

CASA of Titus Camp and Morris Counties (CASA of TCM)- Emily Myrow- Served 159 and neglected children. Currently they have 40 volunteers to advocate for our children.

- . An advocate goes through 30 hrs. of training and court room observation before a district judge From your county swears you in as an advocate.
- . After being sworn in you may take on a case. As an advocate you will be supported by one of our Coach advisors.

- . As an advocate you are the only person that is a party to the case that strictly speaks for the child's Best interest.
- . For more information you can visit our website@casatcm.org or texascasa.org. You may also call Our office and speak to Emily Myrow (Volunteer Recruiter) or Krystal Hosmer (ED)

In the year 2021, still battling covid issues our advocates still put in nearly 300 hours of face-to-face visits with our CASA children and over 400 hours of Facetime/Zoom visits.

The reason why we need advocates to speak for our children.

- . 1 year of CASA advocacy costs less than 1 month of foster care.
- . CASA advocates working one on one with the children that are involved in the case.
- . CASA advocates only speak for the BEST interest of the children.
- . Works to get permanency for our children as quick as possible.
- . CASA advocates testify to the courts about the concerns they may have as well as recommendations the advocate have. They get the information by gathering information by speaking to the children, parents, different family members, placement and other that are a party to the case such as CPS workers and Attorneys.

Total Pointe Urgent Care- Misty Blalock, a Nurse Practitioner with a Doctorate in Nursing. 1304 Linda Dr. Open Monday-Saturday 7 am-7 PM. Ph. 430-226-5110 Takes all types of insurance including Medicare and Medicaid. Has in house lab and X-Ray. Can take care of most services with the exception of heart attack.

Meals On Wheels is served at Church On The Rock everyday from 10:30-11:30 am. Church On The Rock serves a hot meal on Thursdays.

Region 8 provided posters for Human Trafficking Prevention for each school or office.

Drew Evans said they have postponed the Span has been delayed till next year, but most of the data can be done online.

This was the last of the Ounce of Prevention Partners for this year. School SHAC members will meet on May 10th at 12.

Announcements:

4-24-22- Blue Sunday- See Flyer and article Everyone is encouraged to participate

4-26-22 PREV-NET meeting- 2 PM prev-net@communityhealthcore.com
<https://bluejeans.com/349870158>

4-30-DEA Take Back Event- Morris County Sheriff's Office 10-2PM

5-1-22 Blood Drive at Church On The Rock is 9:30-2:30 at 909 Linda Drive

5-10-22 School SHAC meeting 12-1 909 Linda Drive

5-11-22 School Nurse Day