

Drug Commission Meeting
April 11, 2017, 1:30-3:30pm
Historic Truman Courthouse, 112 W. Lexington, Independence, MO
Large Meeting Room, Second Floor
Minutes

Present:

Gene Morgan
Keith Querry
Lanna Ultican
James Witteman, Jr.
Mark S. Bryant
Dr. Joseph Spalitto
Dr. Kelvin Walls
Michelle Dupin

Also Present:

Stacey Daniels-Young, COMBAT
Vince Ortega, COMBAT
Jaime Masters, Chief of Health Services
Michael Mansur, Prosecutor's Office
Dan Cummings, Drug Task Force
Chief Byron Price, Drug Task Force
Tye Grant, KCPD
Theresa Galvin, County Legislator
Brittany Brown, Legislative Aide
Jay Haden, County Counselor's Office
Tammie Jordan, COMBAT
Joan Dickey, COMBAT
Laci Beavers, Communications
Angie Jeffries, Communications Director
Teesha Miller, Prescription Drug Monitoring
LaTasha Bunting, COMBAT

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM.

Commissioner Gene Morgan motioned to approve March minutes; Keith Querry second; motion passed.

The meeting started with Chairman Jim Witteman thanking the former and the new Commissioners for their service and everyone in attendance introducing themselves.

Reports from Ex-Officio Drug Commission Members

Major Tye Grant from KCPD reported on homicides related to narcotics and recent awards. He reported that there have been 31 homicides so far, 28 incidents as some had multiple victims. He stated that this is consistent with last year numbers, 60% of the homicides were related to marijuana.

In the past few months, the Narcotics/Vice division has been recognized for some of their efforts towards narcotics investigations within Kansas City. Major Tye Grant reported that they have received the Midwest HIDTA Outstanding Task Force for their interdiction efforts in 2016. HIDTA includes Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, and part of Illinois. Two weeks ago, they received the Task Force of the Year award through the Missouri

Narcotic Association. One of the officers received the National Police Canine Association Officer award. Major Grant also reported that another unit, his “undercover squad”, received the Midwest HIDTA Outstanding Opioid Investigation Squad of the Year.

Chief Byron Price, Chair of the Jackson County Drug Task Force gave a brief history of the Drug Task Force for the new commissioners. He stated that in the mid 80’s, the Eastern Jackson County agencies got together and put together a task force to combine resources to fight the war on drugs, since they didn’t have the resources of Kansas City. Thirteen agencies signed the original agreement to create a dedicated drug task force. The task force started with street-level narcotics but it has now evolved to address larger operations. Chief Price stated that COMBAT is one of its biggest sources of funding. Dan Cummings, the Officer in Charge of the Drug Task Force stated that the Force target violent, armed drug dealers--drug dealers with guns are at the top of their list.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Teesha Miller, Director of the Jackson County Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) gave a brief description of this new effort of Jackson County, stating that it will “Go Live” on April 25th. She is currently meeting with stakeholders, pharmacists, and physicians. The Prescription Drug Monitor Program is an electronic database that allows medical dispensaries to upload control substances as well as prescriptions that are written by physicians to be entered once they’re filled. If a person is shopping from various sources, it will alert the system.

Commissioner Lanna Ultican asked if this was voluntary or mandatory. Teesha responded that it is a voluntary system. Commissioner Jim Witteman asked Teesha had any update on what the state is doing. Teesha stated that there hasn’t been a formal statement concerning the final legislation from the State of Missouri that she’s aware of.

Commissioner Keith Query asked if Teesha knew anything about the voluntary aspect effective date. Teesha stated that the usage is 20-30% and that the physicians are excited about the tool. Commissioner Keith Query asked will being mandatory have more of an effect. Teesha stated that there’s no concrete data on this. They are looking at this through treatment, prevention, and awareness.

Commissioner Mark Bryant stated that there is a lot of monitoring going on and asked if this is another level. Teesha stated that the dispensaries are uploading the information and that this will be beneficial in cases of people leaving from practice to practice. She stated that it will be another level and that this will give the history. Commissioner Lanna Ultican asked if this is a violation of HIPPA law. Teesha stated that it’s not and Jaime stated that it can’t be used to prosecute. Dr. Stacey Daniels-Young asked Teesha how long has she been working on this project; Teesha responded 6 weeks.

Stacey then explained to the Drug Commissioners what was in their notebooks: the list of drug commissioners, the meeting dates, a pie chart of where the funding goes, budget analyses,

Treatment and Prevention Information with statistics; Grant match information and other funding (AVSI and DARE).

Commissioner Dr. Joseph Spalitto commented that COMBAT started with no transparency at all when he started and that this has changed since Stacey became director.

During the conversation about the upcoming Neighborhood Clean Up/Drug Take Back scheduled for April 19, Teesha asked about the mobility of the Drug Terminator purchased by COMBAT for drug disposal and housed at the Jackson County Sheriff's office was mobile. When told that it is, she stated that she would like to discuss mobile opportunities with the Drug Commissioners later.

Calendar 2017

Neighborhood Clean Up/Drug Take Back - April 19, 2017, 5205 E. 23rd Street (23rd & Denver), Kansas City, MO, Noon-2pm

Prevention Orientation - April 21, Midwest Public Risk, 19400 E. Valley View Parkway, Independence, MO 64055, 1-3pm

Youth Speak Out – COMBAT co-sponsoring - April 22, 10am-1pm, Southeast High School, Kansas City, MO

Treatment Orientation - April 25, Fred Arbanas Golf Course Banquet Room, 1:30-3:30pm

COMBAT Planning Retreat June 2017, Location TBD, 9:30am -3:00pm

MO Coalition of Recovery Support Providers Regional Conference (COMBAT Co-sponsoring), May 18-19, Blue Springs, MO

Neighborhood Clean Up/Drug Take Back - May 18, Grandview, 150th & Bellaire, Noon-2pm

Neighborhood Clean Up/Drug Take Back - June 14, Independence Ave, Kansas City, Noon-2pm

Neighborhood Clean Up/Drug Take Back - July 20, Lee's Summit Location TBD, Noon-2pm

Neighborhood Clean Up/Drug Take Back – August 23, Oak Park Neighborhood Location TBD, Noon-2pm

COMBAT Picnic – September 23 at Coleman-Livengood Park, 5912 Lane Ave, Raytown MO

COMBAT Awards - October 17, 2017, 6-7:30pm

Announcements:

The next meeting is on May 16th at First Call, located at 9091 State Line Road, Kansas City, MO 64114 1:30-2:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.