**DENs Meeting**

August 23, 2023

11:30 – 1:00 PM

IN-PERSON

**Present:**

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| Last Name | First Name | Organization |
| Seeraj | Aida | Inspire to Rise |
| Atkinson  | Patty  | Clay County Sheriff’s Office |
| Babin  | Deborah  | North Florida HIDTA |
| Bell | Abigale | Project Opioid JAX |
| Delano | Scott | North Florida HIDTA |
| Finn  | Sally | Drug Free Duval  |
| Geoghagan | Stephanie | Clay Action Coalition |
| George  | Robert | Florida National Guard DDRO |
| Kubisiak  | Stacy | Clay County Sheriff’s Office |
| Metzger | Dana  | LSFHS |
| Nettles | Elizabeth | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Palmer | Charity | Clay County Sheriff’s Office |
| Patrick  | Erin  | Health Planning Council of Northeast FL |
| Roberts | Kathleen | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Rodgers | Savannah | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Thompson | Libby | Community Coalition Alliance |
| Viafora Ray | Laura | Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Dept.  |
| Ward | TJ | Project Opioid JAX |
| Zarou | Madelaine | Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Dept.  |
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**Meeting Minutes:**

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| **Agenda** | **Minutes** | **Action** |
| **Welcome & Introductions – Kathleen Roberts and Deborah Babin** | Introductions around the room. Great representation in today’s meeting. |  |
| **Share Out -**  | * Project Opioid JAX and Nassau Coalition are hosting their 2nd Seminar on August 31st, 2023. Click here for tickets 🡪 [West Nassau Overdose Awareness Seminar](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/west-nassau-overdose-awareness-seminar-tickets-670834984497?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl)
* Narcan over the counter - Emergent Bio Solutions that said that they were going to try to keep the price point around $50 but of course they reminded in the press release that it's going to be up to the individual retailers to decide what they want to charge.
* A BIG THANK YOU to Scott and Deborah from NFHIDTA for everything you do. We are so fortunate to be able to work so closely with them because we have access to data.
* [Operation Kandy Krush](https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/local/state/2023/07/25/operation-kandy-krush-illegal-hemp-extract-products-targeting-children-found-florida-inspection/70461631007/) article.
* The Rebel Recovery has distributed 714 Narcan kits since July. And then they've had 37 reported overdose reversals so far. Also, Narcan Bar Crawl – see flyer in email.
* August 31st, Inspire to Rise is hosting an Awareness Kit distribution.
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| **Topics: Housing and Shelters in Circuit 4** | * With the help of [211counts.org](https://nefl.211counts.org/) we can pull data for the counties such as Duval, Clay and Nassau for the housing and shelter needs.
* With that data the subcommittee Sober Living & Recovery Support were able to make a connection. Laura from JFRD shared out about Jeff Decks Director of the Alcoholic Service Center at 4th Street.
* [Alcoholic Service Center at 4th Street](https://alcoholic-service-center.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral) is a 501c3 nonprofit sober living house in Jacksonville, FL. Our mission is to establish a place to recover and build a life that is happy, joyous, and free from the bondage of alcoholism and addiction. A. S. C has been helping men and women to recover for over 54 years. Also, helping bridge the gap by paying their rent for the first week or two.

Alcoholic Service Center at 4th Street - 20 West 4th Street, Jacksonville, FL, United States, Florida – (904) 355- 6947[Recovery Rent](https://recoveryrent.org/) – (904) 803-4588 | See Slides |
| **Topics: Medical Examiner Report 2022** | * This is the first half of the year from 2022 so this is only January through June. So, looking at Clay, Duval, and Nassau we notice that Fentanyl of course we saw that the whole state is having such a huge impact. For our area there were 236 cases where it was a cause of death. Cocaine has 39 cases where it was present. We've seen cocaine starting to really go up in numbers. Overall, 615 deaths for the report and again this is from January to June of 2022.

The Medical Examiner Report didn't have a lot of under 21 cases. We have seen so many reports coming out now about adolescent numbers increasing, they've tripled in the last couple of years. Never an issue for fentanyl and opioids for youth but it's becoming where it's maybe not as large as the adult population but to have that number jumped so dramatically it's the largest jump of any other age category so it's something we want to keep an eye on and as we hear about new things evolving. Such as this article [Black market vaping products could be laced with fentanyl, experts warn.](https://www.fox35orlando.com/news/black-market-vaping-products-could-be-laced-with-fentanyl-experts-warn) and [13-year-old Georgia boy injured after reportedly smoking a drug-laced vape pen.](https://www.atlantanewsfirst.com/2023/04/04/13-year-old-georgia-boy-injured-after-reportedly-smoking-drug-laced-vape-pen/)  | See Slides for more information. |
| **Topics: Scott Delano and Deborah Babin – NFHIDTA**  | * As we know they liked to target the youth, the younger demographics with the packaging, the coloring, misleading perceptions that this is a safe alternative to marijuana. K2 Spice, but there's been cases where they've had, you know, common rat poisons were found in a couple of examples. So, it's just alarming because the kids out there, you know, we talk about the vapes a lot, but you know, one of the big problems we are going to see surface soon if we haven’t already is D8 and that that's going to become the big because lot of that stuff is unregulated and you can find it in a lot of these local places.
* Something else to talk about is pro drug. Prodrug basically, and it doesn't seem like it's a big deal at this point, but it could be. It's a substance that can only be turned into an illicit substance like an opioid or a meth or heroin once it's ingested into your body and your stomach acids break it down and then it becomes like an illicit substance. One of the big ones is LSD and the other one is GHB.
* Florida is now ahead of Texas when it comes to Overdoses.
* NFHIDTA consolidated the numbers for the first half of 2023 for Clay, Duval, and Nassau. Overall, in the first half of the year, we have a decrease in everything for the North Florida headed numbers. Digging a little deeper we asked for data dealing for a breakdown by age. So, you'll see under 18 and then 18 and over.
* The bad news is overdose and drug deaths have spiked in July and August, and they predict it will continue to increase.
* Discussed Policies – see slides for updated information.
 | See slides for more information |
| **Topics: Laura Viafora and Madeline Zarou – JFRD** | Laura shared out: * New data goes from June 2019 to July 2023 – red line is opioid overdose deaths. Looking at the data from JFRD we did see a spike, but also saw a spike in March, April, and May.
* Suspected opioid related overdose patients comparing January through July of this year compared to last year, we are down overall 12%.
* Some zip codes that stood out this time were 32205 and 32256. Looking more into 32256 it seemed that the location was a lot of hotels areas.
* Hopefully next time looking more at the 32205 area Murry Hill area, because there are not a lot of hotels in that area.
* By race and ethnicity, we continue to see that uptick in the Black and African American population. Also, still a significant difference between males and females, but it's been like that for several years now.
* Laura just wanted to state that when she says Roadway, that does not mean the person was driving at the time. Roadway means that the incident location was possibly on the side of the road. Could be at an off ramp under an overpass, even a parking lot, even a sidewalk, maybe just depends on what the paramedic or the EMT thinks best captures that location.
* See slides for Narcan data from JFRD.
* A study that looked at the availability of buprenorphine at pharmacies across the country because we talked a lot about increasing access to buprenorphine, because someone has a script in their hand doesn't mean it's totally accessible. So, what they did is they called pharmacies like a telehealth service called pharmacies and made 5,283 unique calls for several thousand patients to see if buprenorphine was in any. Formulation was available when they called and what they found is that only 58% of pharmacies at that call reported stock of at least one formulation that's.

Florida had the lowest percentage of pharmacies reporting stock at 37%. They had 42 states in this analysis.* Maricopa County article. See in email.

Madeline shared out:* Opioid Abatement Program City of Jacksonville participated as a party in civil lawsuits against companies like. McKesson and J&J and some others for their roles and creating and perpetuating the opioid crisis. The city is projected to get around $80 million over the next 18 years.
* In late June, the City Council passed the ordinance that established this grants committee. It consists of seven members, three of whom were appointed by Mayor Deegan, and three were appointed by City Council President Ron Salem. It consists of two peer specialists, two mental health specialists, two healthcare professionals and the final seventh voting member is the health administrator for the Department of Health, Duval County.
* The money can be used if you have a program related with opioid use disorder and you're addressing that, this person might be using other substances or have, you know, related mental health issues.
* Award can be up to $250,000 depending on the average annual revenue of your organization. It can't be more than 24% or $250,000 as a Max award.
* This money can only be used for programs in prevention, treatment, and recovery. It is nonrenewable and we hope to open the application in the coming months.
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| **Upcoming** | Next Meeting: * We will skip September 28th because of RDEN (Regional Drug Epidemiology Data Meeting) 🡪 Click here to [Register](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/regional-drug-epidemiology-network-tickets-685254022227?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl) If you haven’t already.
* We will pick back up virtually on October 25th – [DENs Meeting](https://ccafl.adobeconnect.com/duvaldens)
* Sober Living & Recovery next meeting is September 1st at 11:00 AM. Click the link if you would like to join. Click link to join 🡪 [Quarterly Sober Living & Recovery Supports - DEN Subcommittee](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3Ameeting_YWJiOTVkZWMtY2I5Yi00NzUwLThjODYtMjlhODU5NmRhMDc0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22eaec2a3a-007c-4900-baa3-84ab5a36225b%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227c8317de-eecb-4eb8-975c-c2035dc2ed42%22%7d)
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| **Final Remarks** | Thank you everyone for coming.  |  |
| **Meeting Adjourned at** **1:13PM** | REMINDER – We will pick back up virtually on October 25th – [DENs Meeting](https://ccafl.adobeconnect.com/duvaldens) |  |

Respectfully Submitted,

Savannah Rodgers

Youth Coordinator

Community Coalition Alliance, Inc.