

# Meeting Minutes February 19, 2026

12:00PM – 12:33PM

Attendees: \*Nephthalie Leriche, \*Amanda Gozur, \*Mya Sears, \*Stacy Sherrod, Amanda Tompkins, \*Jennifer Harris, Brenda Chester, Lydia, Kylie Poor, -Rhonda Warren, Brandy Beeman, -Michael Hall, Kayla Langford, and Tina Hang

\*=New attendees

- = Returning attendees

## 1. Next to Rise Presentation

- a. Associate Engager – Amanda Gozure
- b. Student Presentation
  - i. Partnered with 12 schools across Missouri
  - ii. Leadership team summit
    1. Smaller group of students trained to be part of Next to Rise
    2. Brought together every summer (location changes every year)
      - a. Last year – Columbia
      - b. This year – Kansas City
- c. Currently, don't have a participating school in McDonald County
  - i. Good contacts for schools in or near McDonald County
    1. Kylie Poor – Community Partnership of the Ozarks
    2. Rhonda Warren – Secretary for Newton County Coalition
- d. Thoughts, questions, and comments
  - i. If you could name what a successful activity looks like in Next to Rise, what would you share?
    1. Nephthalie (student)
      - a. Was shy at first but after pop-up events and conducting surveys, she got out of her comfort zone, and it has become more of a habit to be actively involved in her community
    2. Mya (student)
      - a. There haven't been many events at school yet but April 28 has an event at a baseball game to collect opinions through surveys and share what the Next to Rise program is and how they can help the community better.



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- b. Kids are more interested in food at first, but they slowly gain more interest
  - 3. Stacy (Coordinator)
    - a. Student coalition went to talk to board of alderman about smoke free policy and development, and this encouraged the alderman to look deeper into topic
    - b. Data is collected, students develop life-long skills (networking, leadership experience, etc.), and work on policy
  - ii. What can we do to support your efforts as a coalition?
    - 1. Provide contacts
      - a. Contacts at high school
      - b. Next to Rise starts reaching out to schools mid-March
    - iii. If you had any schools that could write a short letter about why it's been great for the community to have the Next to Rise program, can you provide us that letter? It will help us talk to our schools.
- 2. CPO
  - a. Upcoming events
    - i. **Alcohol misuse prevention training -- February 25, 2026, at East Side Social in Neosho** (See flyer for more information)
      - 1. FREE to anyone who sells alcohol
      - 2. World cup is happening in KC this summer. Due to this, bars have been allowed to open for 24 hours for a little over a month. Even though alcohol is available, it's illegal to sell to intoxicated individuals and minors.
      - 3. Encourage local businesses to attend to help prevent DUIs ahead of time
  - b. Suicide prevention
    - i. Youth Mental Health First Aider Training
      - 1. Now available in Spanish
      - 2. First action: gather data for interest to Spanish speaking networks to assess capacity for local training
        - a. Training is currently available virtually
- 3. Coalition
  - a. Ozark Center: Mobile Mental Health Unit
    - i. **COMING SOON!!!**



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- ii. MCHD is hosting mobile unit on April 6, 2026
      - 1. Waiting on promotional flyers
    - iii. Possibility for mini-health fair
      - 1. Promoting local mental health resources
        - a. 988, MHFA training interest, etc.
    - iv. Questions to ask Del for clarification
      - 1. How will reimbursement work?
      - 2. Is this for in-state residents only?
      - 3. How will this work for low-income residents?
  - b. Emerging Gas Station Drugs Trend – Awareness Seminar
    - i. April 6, 2026, from 12PM – 2PM
    - ii. See Kylie Poor for more details/more details to come
  - c. BCBH Tobacco Extension
    - i. Tina is working on making referrals to the Missouri Tobacco Quitline as they have programs to help a Missourian's tobacco quit journey (12 weeks of NRT and more support!)
      - 1. If you know someone who would like additional support in their quit journey, please share Tina's contact with them
        - a. Email: [thang@mcdonaldcountymohealth.gov](mailto:thang@mcdonaldcountymohealth.gov)
        - b. Phone number: 417-223-4351 ext. 315
4. Next time:
- a. Mini-grant application
    - i. **HOMEWORK:** What would you want to see in the community, regarding substance abuse prevention?
    - ii. Forming substance abuse prevention sub-committee to meet before next meeting
      - 1. Contact Tina if interested in joining sub-committee.