



Lodi Community Action Team (LCAT)

Vision: Community where all youth are empowered to make healthy choices

LCAT Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Bryan Bilse (Director), Sara McChesney (Program Coordinator), Diana Karls, Doug Richmond (Rotary Club and County Board Supervisor), Sharon Richmond (Community Member), Dave Giles (Director of Reach Out Lodi), Terry Haag (School Board Member), Sue Miller (Community Member), Sergeant Leda Wagner (Lodi Police Department), Chief Wayne Smith (Lodi Police Chief), Hunter Newton (Lake Wisconsin Evangelical Free Church), Brittanie Dempsey (Lodi and Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce, Harmony Grove Association), Dr. Vince Breunig (District Administrator), Adria Schroeder (Director of Student Services), Rebekka Cary (Columbia County Veterans Service Officer), Kent Telford (Columbia County Assistant Veterans Service Officer),

Welcome and introductions: See attendance above.

Substance Use Prevention Skills Training:

Sara shared that she attended the Wisconsin Substance Use Prevention Skills Training (SUPST). It is a specialized training that utilizes the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to develop or enhance skills related to community-based substance use and misuse prevention efforts. LCAT has utilized the strategies from this training since its formation. It allowed Sara to learn more about community-based prevention strategies and how to continue to incorporate them with our coalition so we can continue to make strides in preventing substance use. In the future, we will utilize this information and these strategies in coalition meetings. The training was paid for by a grant from the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth (AWY).

LCAT Trailer Utilization:

The LCAT trailer has been put away for the winter. The trailer was used for a total of 18 events this year. The trailer will be going out for the first time in 2026 in early May. The trailer is used for events that are family-friendly and community-based. The purpose of the trailer is to bring our community together.

Narcan distribution and training:

- Bryan facilitated a Narcan training for the Lodi community and school staff at Reach Out Lodi on November 12, 2025. Six people were trained in the signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose and how to administer Narcan. At a different time, two District Office staff were trained in the use of Narcan. On December 8th and 9th, the 12th-grade students will also be trained. This is a life skill that students should learn prior to going to school or entering the workforce after graduation.
- LCAT replaced expired Narcan at the Lodi Police Department.



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- LCAT provided a new permanent drug drop-off box two years ago for the Lodi Police Department. It replaced a smaller existing box. From April to October 2025, 91 lbs of expired or unwanted medications were dropped off at the box. At the April in-person event, 29 lbs of medication were collected.
- The permanent drug drop-off box is available during business hours at the Lodi Police Department. When dropping off medications, empty the pills out of the bottles and into a ziplock bag, and then place them in the drop box. Sharps are not to be placed in the box.

National Night Out Planning Updates:

The group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of three locations for the 2026 National Night Out: Lodi Agricultural Fairgrounds, Lodi Middle School, and Lewis-Byrns Park. It cannot be held at Habermann and Gores Park due to road construction. A final decision will be made in the near future so that planning can begin for the event.

Presenter and Discussions:

Columbia County Veteran Service Office: Rebekkah Cary, Columbia County Veteran Service Officer, and Kent Telford (Columbia County Assistant Veterans Service Officer)

- Rebekka shared that their office is appointed by the state of Wisconsin, and they are employees of Columbia County, not the VA.
- Their office can help veterans, surviving spouses, and dependents apply for specific benefits and limited financial support. Laws have changed, and there are more resources available.
- They are unable to help with legal matters or find housing, but they can provide a warm hand-off to individuals or organizations that can help them.
- Outreach is a challenge, so please reach out to them to share information about their resources at meetings or events.

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Next Meeting:

No meeting in December 2025

January 21, 2026, 9 am-10 am at the School District of Lodi Board Room

Guest Speaker and Topic: TBD