



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)  
Main Meeting – April 2022  
April 26, 2022  
4:30PM  
In-Person and Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present**

**In-Person:** Patti Brann (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Debbie Henning (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Kristen Schroder (5), Loren Yaksich (12)

**Zoom:** Phil Atteberry (12), Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Peter Conser (1), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Diane DeVries (4), Jan Dombrowski (12), Jen Hahs (12), Allison Jensen (10), William McCarty (13), Ashleigh Nowakowski (12), Tracey Papesh (12), Sheree Stilwell (8)

**Call to Order/Welcome**

**Start: 4:33PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentation on Vaping by Ashleigh Nowakowski from Your Choice**

**Introductions (Name & Organization)**

**Welcome to any first-time attendees**

**Reports:**

- **Treasurer – Loren Yaksich – Financial Report**
  - o \$35,137 balance – Bonnie first motion, Peter seconds
- **Secretary – Aishwarya Balakrishna - Approval of March minutes**
  - o Loren first motion, Phil seconds

**WCSAPC Requirements:**

- **DFC Grant Report – Bonnie McPhillips**
- **DFC Annual Performance Review was submitted this month**
  - o Courtney submitted, all forms have been filled out, and we will wait to hear approval of the report
- **CADCA Midyear Conference, July 17-21**
  - o At the Gaylord Palms in Orlando – people interested should reach out to Courtney
  - o Need to finalize attendees by end of May

## Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol – Brittany Gruver**
  - o Brainstorming on Alternative Dispute Resolution program
- **Marijuana – Sgt. Robert Platos**
  - o Nothing new to report
- **Nicotine – Caitlin Daly**
  - o Nothing new to report
- **Social Media – Jackie VanOvermeiren/Courtney Garfield**
  - o Nothing new to report
- **Care Team Updates – Sgt. Robert Platos**
  - o 1 trailer event requested so far – might not be able to do it since it is a kid's event
  - o Remember to put requests in for the trailer sooner rather than later for events since summer is coming up soon
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update – Dr. William McCarty**
  - o Tim: Joliet West and Joliet Central are still missing from IYS 2022 [?] Need to see if we can get them in last minute before mid-May

## Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community: Brian Delli**
  - o Brian is not present
- **Civic Volunteer Groups: United Way – Loren Yaksich**
  - o 211 is launching on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Will County!
  - o 211 is information and referrals for essential services: housing, food, etc.
  - o Contracting with partners in Wilmington to manage 211
  - o Text and call 211 for referrals
- **College or University: OPEN**
  - o Still need to fill
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations: Sheree Stilwell**
  - o Participated in resource fair at Troy Community Center – great attendance
- **Healthcare Professionals: Jen Hahs**
  - o Nothing new to report
  - o Gloria: new drug emerging in overdose deaths (Xylazine), Narcan does not work on it because it is not an opioid
- **Law Enforcement Agency: Lockport PD**
  - o Will be participating in Too Good for Drugs training – registering soon
- **Media: Diane DeVries**
  - o Snapchat campaign is running
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse: Tim Cramer**
  - o National Prevention Week May 9-13<sup>th</sup>
  - o Resource table at Slammers opening
  - o Fundraiser for coalition: throughout Slammers' season, any purchased ticket with code WCSAPC [?] coalition will get \$5 (all home games)
- **Parents: Undersheriff Brian Conser**
  - o Undersheriff Conser is not present
- **Schools: OPEN/Homer Glen District 33C**

- Last 23 days of school!
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> was the TGFD celebration, and it was a great event – kids were excited about Chase, the SWAT van, and the pizza
- May 21<sup>st</sup> – Field Day at the school
- Raised \$30,000 recently for various school needs and resources
- Working on balancing class sizes/school buildings to reduce overcrowding
- Student Council raised a ton of food for the Lockport Food Pantry
- Relaunched 2<sup>nd</sup> Step program to support social and emotional needs for the students
- **State or Local Government Agencies: Kathleen Burke**
  - Xylazine is showing up in overdose deaths – 5 in 2021, 2 already in 2022
  - Veterinary sedative – it is not an opioid, but has similar effects in terms of affecting breathing and causing low blood pressure
  - Increasing polysubstance use
  - Fentanyl is being mixed in everything
  - Trying to get more naloxone into the community
  - DEA One Pill Can Kill campaign targeted to young adults – to educate on counterfeit pills
  - Teens now make up a larger percentage of overdose deaths – it is increasing quickly
  - Teenagers don't have to be addicted to be at risk for overdose and death
  - Need to continue to get this education out to the kids
  - State of Illinois came out with overdose report and (SOAP) overdose reduction plan, and have added the alerts on polysubstance use in addition to opioids:
    - Overall social equity goal
    - Prevention
    - Harm reduction
    - Treatment and Recovery
    - Justice and Public Safety
  - President Biden and ONDCP has also released a plan to increase harm reduction efforts and interrupt drug supply
  - In 2021, we went up 30% in overdose deaths
  - 553 Naloxone kits distributed
  - Redefined Safe Passage program – naloxone and connection to services post overdose
- **Youth: Peter Conser**
  - Working on recruiting more youth
- **Youth Servicing Organizations: YMCA**
  - Not present

**Note: Please limit any individual sector reporting to 10 minutes.**

### **Old Business**

- **Too Good for Drugs celebration event recap – Sgt. Platos**
  - \*\*Covered earlier

## **New Business**

### **~ Announcements**

- Gateway Downers Grove IOP re-launch on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1-3PM
- Brightside: CEU Education Event (April 29) [?] 9AM, 11AM, 1PM, and 3PM
  - Clinical benefits of opioid addiction treatments
- ~ Joliet Slammers Event on May 13 and ticket sales fundraiser – Tim Cramer

## **Adjournment**

**End: 5:36PM**

**Next Meeting: May 24, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. IN Person/VIA ZOOM**

### **Drug-Free Communities Definition of a Coalition:**

*A community-based formal arrangement for cooperation and collaboration among groups or sectors of a community in which each group retains its identity, but all agree to work together toward a common goal of building a safe, healthy, and drug-free community.*