



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – June 2022
June 28, 2022
4:30PM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: July 26, 2022**

Members Present

In-Person: Phil Atteberry (12), Victoria Camacho (11), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Chief Dan Jungles (7), Esmeralda Martinez (11), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Robert Platos (7), Sheree Stilwell (8), Loren Yaksich (12), Steve Hall (12)

Zoom: Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Undersheriff Brian Conser (7), Jan Dombrowski (12), Jen Hahs (12), Debbie Henning (7)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 4:34PM, meeting called to order by Bonnie McPhillips

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees

- Esmeralda Martinez: Illinois National Guard
- Victoria Camacho: Illinois National Guard
- Steve Hall: Author on Substance Use Prevention

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
 - No expenses in month of May
 - \$34,281 balance
 - Motion: Loren Yaksich, Chief Jungles seconds
- **Secretary** – Aishwarya Balakrishna - Approval of May minutes
 - Motion: Chief Jungles, Phil Atteberry seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – coming into end of 4th year of the grant and entering 5th year, we will be applying for continuation grant for years 6-10
- **CADCA Midyear Conference, July 17-21**
 - Courtney Garfield and Sheree Stilwell will be attending

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - o Met before general Coalition meeting
 - o Discussed Alternative Dispute Resolution program progress
- **Marijuana** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - o Did not meet this month but discussed working with Alcohol subcommittee to develop Alternative Dispute Resolution program
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly
 - o Courtney Garfield provided update in Caitlin’s absence
 - o Met this month and are working on retailer letter to go out to tobacco retailers
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
 - o Courtney recently took over
 - o Courtney has been working with Brent Moatz to update the website
 - o Courtney is posting on Coalition social media weekly; feel free to send ideas for content, recently promoted HIPS trailer on social media
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - o Six HIPS trailer events booked from July-August, will account for 180 match hours
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
 - o No update at this time

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - o No updates; Brian not able to attend meeting
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
 - o 211 program launched on June 1st which provides information and referrals to various agencies; can contact to have agency information put into referral system
 - o United Way also took over Will-Grundy-Kendall Continuum of Care for homeless services
- **College or University:** OPEN
 - o Need to fill
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
 - o Support groups are still going, and new families have joined
 - o Families continue to receive resources and assistance with treatment
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Gloria Bloodsaw
 - o Inquired about federal law that makes it possible for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders to remain on parent’s insurance plan past the age of twenty-six; Gloria advised she would inquire and get back to the group with findings
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - o Officer Henning from Lockport PD reports that they are waiting for school to start and resume TGFD in the schools
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - o No updates at this time; Diane was not able to attend meeting
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - o No updates at this time; Tim Cramer not able to attend meeting
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser

- Inquired about students looking for community service hours through the Coalition
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
 - Principal Schroeder unable to attend meeting; no updates
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - Reports increased overdose rates, there were 20 overdose deaths in 2.5 weeks
 - As of May, there were over 56 overdose deaths total
 - Increased presence of cocaine laced with fentanyl as well as counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl from the internet; increase in overdose in 27-40 age group
 - Rapid Response Team distributing materials including fentanyl test strips and Narcan; can provide to anyone in need
 - In 2023, financial support will be provided for 4th and 5th grade school-based prevention programs
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - Not present at meeting
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - Not present at meeting

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

Old Business

- Too Good For Drugs Training
 - Six WCSO sworn and one Beecher PD officer attended training in early June

New Business:

- Announcements
 - Jen Hahs: August 31st is Your Light Still Shines event in New Lenox
 - Phil Atteberry: Live4Lali is looking for board members
 - Brightside Clinic is looking for CADC to facilitate evening IOP program on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
 - Gloria Bloodsaw: received grant to build 32-bed recovery home in Aurora
 - Debbie Henning: August 6th is Lockport's Community Celebration event
- Website Updates: County is working with Brent to revamp the Coalition website
- Welcome to Illinois National Guard members new to Coalition
- Steve Hall- will present at next Coalition meeting regarding substance use prevention and his book

Adjournment

End: 5:03PM; Sheree motions, Loren seconds

Next Meeting: July 26, 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.