



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – August 2022
August 23, 2022
4:30PM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: September 27, 2022**

Members Present

In-Person: Victoria Camacho (11), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Cecilia DiSomma (11), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Steve Hall (12), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Robert Platos (7), Loren Yaksich (12)

Zoom: Phil Atteberry (12), Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Brian Delli (3), Jan Dombrowski (12), Andy Granger (7), Jen Hahs (12), Debbie Henning (7), William McCarty (13), Amber Mitchell (5), Tracey Papesh (12), Alex Strong (12), Jennifer Travelli (12)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 4:33PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees: Andy Ganger (Lockport PD), Jennifer Travelli (Linden Oaks), Amber Mitchell (Joliet Township HS), and Alex Strong (Brightside Clinic)

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
 - o \$34,281 balance
 - o Bonnie motions, Debbie seconds, vote to approve, approved
- **Secretary** – Aishwarya Balakrishna - Approval of July minutes
 - o Debbie motions, Brian seconds, vote to approve, approved

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
 - o Progress Report was submitted
 - o Waiting for approval, that could take some time
 - o Next project is the grant application for next 5 years

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - Sustaining programs and coming up with new initiatives for next grant period
 - Continuing to meet before the coalition meeting
- **Marijuana** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Nothing to report
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly
 - Did not meet this month
 - Retailer mailing materials have been approved
 - Caitlin will work on ordering and assembling mailers
 - Next meeting on Sept. 22nd
 - Bonnie: Sgt. Eiden at the SO indicated that they are starting to do more nicotine compliance checks again
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
 - 34 page views (increase of 55%), 15 page likes (increase of 88%), 823 post reach (increase of 142%), and 13 new followers (increase of 63%)
 - Go like our social media pages!
 - More ideas for social media needed
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Several events with HIPS Trailer (every week in August)
 - Great turnout
 - Scheduled two weeks into September
 - Bonnie mentioned to Amber about doing something at JTHS
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
 - 2022 IYS results are out
 - A few less schools included (specifically Joliet high schools)
 - Trying to get JTHS back on board – Amber will help with this

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - Great turnout at the Lockport event
 - Joliet Family Fun Fest (Oct. 1st 10AM-3PM at Joliet Slammers Stadium) – nonprofits can participate for free to share resources
 - Tons of fun activities for the kids and families
 - Great way to educate the community
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
 - Nothing to report
- **College or University:** OPEN
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
 - Sheree is not here
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Jen Hahs and Gloria Bloodsaw
 - Nothing to report
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - Great event on August 6th!
 - Getting back into schools
 - Debbie is doing the TGFD training in October and will start administering the program after

- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - o Diane is not here
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - o Going back into Gompers and Dirksen Jr. Highs for TGFD
 - o Underage drinking campaign
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - o Undersheriff Conser is not here
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
 - o Starting TGFD, 7th grade first
 - o Eric Hanson teaching in Beecher
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - o Dr. Burke is not here
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - o Peter is not here
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - o Expanding the Teen Achievers program
 - o Teen Reach for middle school age kids (after school program)
 - o Grant money is coming in to reduce gun violence in schools and youth

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

Old Business

- Nothing to record

New Business

- Your Light Still Shines – August 31st, 5:00-8:00PM at Lincoln Way West HS
 - o HIPS Trailer, drug take back, NARCAN training, presentation by Tom Farley Jr. (brother of late actor/comedian Chris Farley), 32 CBO tables
- Too Good for Drugs starts this week at Homer Glen Jr. High with 7th graders!
- Website Updates – Courtney Garfield
 - o Brent is done with the website, working out last logistical things
 - o Should be live within the next week
- Elections – Courtney Garfield
 - o President: Caitlin Daly
 - o VP: Aishwarya Balakrishna
 - o Treasurer: Loren Yaksich
 - o Member at Large: Diane DeVries
 - o Secretary: MUST BE FILLED! (Let Courtney know if you are interested)
 - Sheree has expressed interest
- Announcements
 - o Jan D.: Looking for volunteers for HIPS Trailer events
 - o Gloria B.: Several positions open at Gateway Foundation

Adjournment

End: 5:07PM

Next Meeting: September 27, 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.