



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)  
Main Meeting – October 2022  
October 25, 2022  
4:30PM  
In-Person and Zoom Meeting  
Approved: November 22, 2022**

**Members Present**

**In-Person:** Cecilia DiSomma (11), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Sheree Stilwell (8)

**Zoom:** Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), James Budrick (10), Kathleen Burke (11), Victoria Camacho (11), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Diane DeVries (4), Jan Dombrowski (12), Andy Granger (7), Dan Martin (12), William McCarty (13), Kristen Schroeder (5), Alex Strong (12), Allison Thomas (12), Jennifer Trivelli (12), Loren Yaksich (9)

**Call to Order/Welcome**

**Start: 4:34PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions (Name & Organization)**

**Welcome to any first-time attendees**

**Reports:**

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - o No expenses or income this month
  - o \$29,211 balance
  - o Motion: Officer Andy Granger, Aishwarya seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of September minutes
  - o Motion: Loren Yaksich, Officer Granger seconds

**WCSAPC Requirements:**

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
  - o Year 5 of DFC began on September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - o Will applying for continuation grant for years 6-10

**Subcommittee/Action Team Reports**

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver

- Met before main Coalition meeting
- Dr. McCarty is reviewing IYS data and will continue to develop goals after reviewing data
- **Marijuana** – Sgt. Robert Platos
  - Did not meet this month
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly
  - Met Thursday prior to Coalition meeting
  - Education/information was sent to retailers who failed compliance checks
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
  - FB: 310 reach
  - IG: 68 reach
  - 4 new likes on FB, 3 on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
  - Courtney: 1 more trailer event in November prior to closing trailer
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
  - Putting together report and will share soon

#### **Sector Reports & Sharing:**

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
  - No report
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
  - No updates to report
- **College or University:** OPEN
  - Need to fill
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
  - Continues to receive many contacts from family members
  - Support groups are having a guest speaker this evening
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
  - Rosecrance is offering a virtual parent café/ free support group on Thursday evenings and Saturday that is run by clinicians
  - Courtney will send out specific information to the Coalition via e-mail
  - Gloria shared that Gateway is running a group/ Q&A session on Thursdays at 5:30PM for individuals considering entering into treatment to ask questions about the treatment process
    - Discussed noticing increased trend of cocaine use
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
  - Officer Henning completed Too Good For Drugs training and has begun implementing Too Good For Drugs in Lockport schools
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
  - No updates to report
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
  - Parent and Teen underage drinking campaign has begun
  - Too Good For Drugs in some Joliet schools
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
  - Nothing to report
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C

- Starting Too Good For Drugs in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, continuing with 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Recent events included Haunted Hustle 5K at Konow's Farm
- Safety Audit received very good reviews
- World Culture Fair coming up
- Continue to implement SEL curriculum to address increased anxieties and trauma
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
  - MAP Fall Forum- set goals
  - Will County Behavioral Health- S.T.O.P program introducing IOP and OP programming
  - Discussed Parent Prevention Program- Vital Signs through the Victoria Voice Foundation
  - Recovery Oriented Systems of Care
    - HLM Recovery 180- connecting people/linking resources in Will and Grundy counties
    - Let Dr. Burke know if you would like to join resource committee
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
  - Not present
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
  - Teen Reach program which is after school program for middle schoolers is up and running

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

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Red ribbon week ideas?
  - Students at Hadley completed red ribbon ascertaining why they choose to be drug free following conclusion of Too Good For Drugs session; posted on social media
- Too Good for Drugs update – Brittany Gruver
  - First quarter of 7<sup>th</sup> grade completed, beginning 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Going well!
- Our new board started October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Courtney will be sending out updated sector agreements via e-mail, please return as they are needed to apply for continuation grant

### **Adjournment**

**End: 5:13PM- Loren motions, Aishwarya seconds**

**Next Meeting: November 22, 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.*