



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)  
Main Meeting – November 2022  
November 22, 2022  
4:30PM  
In-Person and Zoom Meeting  
Approved: December 27, 2022**

**Members Present**

**In-Person:** Cecilia DiSomma (11), Courtney Garfield (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Loren Yaksich (9)

**Zoom:** Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), James Budrick (10), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Brian Delli (3), Diane DeVries (4), Jan Dombrowski (12), Dan Martin (12), William McCarty (13), Tracey Papesh (12), Alex Strong (12), Allison Thomas (12)

**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: Bonnie McPhillips, Gloria Bloodsaw seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of October minutes
  - o Motion: Bonnie McPhillips, Loren Yaksich seconds

**WCSAPC Requirements:**

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
  - o Will be applying for continuation grant for years 6-10
  - o Bonnie also mentioned that there will be a change in the upcoming Treasurer's Report due to the Shop with a SWAT event on December 11 at Target in New Lenox. The WCSO is partnering with the YMCA to sponsor 35 children to host a "Shop with a SWAT" member event for

students from the YMCA. The coalition board approved \$3,500 to donate to this event.

### **Subcommittee/Action Team Reports**

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver/Courtney Garfield
  - o Met before main Coalition meeting
  - o Dr. McCarty is reviewing IYS data and will continue to develop goals after reviewing data
  - o Discussed working towards reaching more high school students in the near future
- **Marijuana** – Sgt. Robert Platos
  - o Did not meet this month
  - o No new report
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly/James Budrick
  - o Met Thursday prior to Coalition meeting
  - o Education/information needed to be sent to retailers who failed compliance checks
  - o Also discussed outreach in the local high schools after a conversation was had with WCSO SRO's about the problem of vaping in the schools
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
  - o FB: 198 reach
  - o IG: 67 reach
  - o 11 new likes on FB, 4 on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos/Bonnie McPhillips
  - o Bonnie reported that there was one last event at the beginning of November and now the trailer is closed up for the season however the backpack presentation is always available
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
  - o Put an IYS report together and was sent out to subcommittee chairs. It appears that the data looked promising and positive however 12<sup>th</sup> grade is the only grade that appears a bit negative.

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

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
  - o Continuing to have meetings with Chamber of Commerce to do outreach and events to promote the coalition and provide information/education
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
  - o No updates to report
- **College or University:** OPEN
  - o Need to fill
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
  - o Absent from meeting, no report
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
  - o Rosecrance has many clinicians available ASAP for individual counseling for mental health primary especially with the upcoming holiday season.

- Gloria Bloodsaw also reported the explore recovery program at Gateway Foundation which is an online clinician who answers questions for yourself or family members.
- Gloria also discussed machines that are detecting vaping in schools. Aishwarya Balakrishna stated that she knows of “Halo Detectors” that are currently in schools.
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
  - No representation, no report
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
  - Meeting with Courtney Garfield and Bonnie McPhillips next week to discuss coalition media plan for this grant period
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
  - Absent from meeting, no report
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
  - Absent from meeting, no report
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
  - No representation, no report
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
  - Absent from meeting, no report
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
  - Absent from meeting, no report
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
  - YMCA now has a “Days Out” group that is for students who need care while out of school
  - After school teen reach in all 4 middle schools
  - Teen Achievers is a high school group preparing life for after high school
  - Trade job workshop at JJC on Jan. 28 for any young adults interested

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

### **Old Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Too Good for Drugs update – Courtney Garfield
  - Finished with the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the curriculum with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Hadley Middle School
  - Still finishing up one classroom of 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at Homer Jr. High as well
  - Going well!

### **Adjournment**

**End: 5:00PM- Donnie Chestnutt motions, Diane DeVries seconds**

**Next Meeting: December 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.*