



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – February 2023
February 28, 2023
4:30PM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved March 28, 2023**

Members Present

In-Person: Brittany Gruver (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Caitlin Daly (10), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Terry Lemming (7), Robert Platos (7), Sheree Stilwell (8)

Zoom: Gloria Bloodsaw (12), James Budrick (10), Kathleen Burke (11), Victoria Camacho (11), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Diane DeVries (4), Debbie Henning (7), Marie Marek (12), William McCarty (13), Kaylaa McGinnis (12), Amber Mitchell (5), Kristen Schroeder (5), Allison Thomas (12), Loren Yaksich (12), Jenny Gonzalez (12)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 4:34PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees: Welcome to Jenny Gonzalez from HLM Recovery 180!

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
 - o \$25,711 balance
 - o No expenses for past month
 - o Motion: Debbie Henning motions, Aishwarya Balakrishna seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of January minutes
 - o Motion: Sgt. Platos, Bonnie McPhillips seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
 - o Actively attending seminars/webinars regarding grant reapplication with intention to submit by the end of March, award is announced in late August/ early September
 - o Recap of CADCA-Caitlin, Aishwarya, James, and Sheree

- Went to Capitol Hill in-person!
- Too Good For Drugs poster presentation was very successful and group received positive feedback from Charles Mendez of the Mendez Foundation who provides Too Good For Drugs curriculum and training
- Many great training sessions were available that attendees enjoyed!
- If you are interested in attending CADCA mid-year, email Bonnie or Brittany

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - Met before main Coalition meeting
 - Continue to develop new goals to maintain accomplishments/ reflect in grant reapplication
- **Marijuana** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Combining marijuana subcommittee with nicotine to create a smoking/vaping committee
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly
 - Combining with marijuana subcommittee to create a smoking/vaping committee, provide educational materials to the schools
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
 - FB: 217 reach
 - IG: 99 reach
 - 2 new likes on FB, 8 on IG
 - 35 site visits to FB, 7 visits on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Trailer is winterized; backpack training is still available
 - Sgt. Platos reports there have been a few dates booked for the trailer for the upcoming season
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
 - Dr. McCarty reports that he is happy to distribute new IYS data/report for anyone that is interested
 - They are looking for feedback on IYS survey

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - Not present
- **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 and holding family support groups using CRAFT model and Invitation to Change
 - Attended Will County Executive kids fair- great attendance and over 60 vendors present

- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
 - o Expanding Rosecrance Frankfort office
 - o Plenty of openings for IOP
 - o Have options for adolescents with primary substance abuse presenting issue; both in-person and virtual options
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - o District 92- Oak Prairie, teaching 1st and 5th grades Too Good For Drugs, looking to expand to junior high
 - o Looking to implement Narcan training for school staff
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - o No updates, campaign coming soon!
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - o Communication campaign focusing on underage drinking
 - o Too Good For Drugs being facilitated at Gompers Junior High
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - o Not present
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
 - o Multi-cultural festival March 9th at 5:30PM that will include food, displays, performances- choir and step team from Lockport HS and Hadley's choir as well!
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - o Xylazine- death in Joliet, Narcan does not work because it is anesthetic
 - o Will County Health Department- Y.E.S.S program- mental health program for schools
 - o Resilient Youth- funded by United Way, offered to Will County schools
 - o A.R.M.S.- motorcycle group for people in recovery, having event on April 22nd, ending with a resource fair the Will County Health Department
 - Let Dr. Burke know if you would like to have a table at the resources fair
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - o No updates/not present
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - o Jobs in Trades Forum- introducing students to jobs in trades
 - o Over 400 participants at annual gala the past weekend
 - o Looking to break ground in Morris for new location in near future
 - o \$250 million grant available focusing on gun/violence prevention

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

Old Business

- None reported

New Business

- Too Good for Drugs update – Brittany Gruver
 - o Continue to implement program in 5th and 7th grades, beginning 6th grade

- Beecher PD also implementing Too Good For Drugs
- If you email Courtney anytime from here on out, please also send to Bonnie McPhillips
- Chief Lemming proposes forming an opioid committee
 - First meeting will be at 3:30PM before Coalition meeting in-person
- **Announcements:**

Adjournment

End: 5:13PM- Sgt. Platos motions, Sheree seconds

Next Meeting: March 28, 2023 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.