



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – April 2023
April 25, 2023
4:30PM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: May 23, 2023**

Members Present

In-Person: Brittany Gruver (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Kathleen Burke (11), Diane DeVries (4), Connie Dewall (11), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Chief Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Sheree Stilwell (8)

Zoom: James Budrick (10), Victoria Camacho (11), Allison Thomas (12), Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Caitlin Daly (10), Neesha Otterai (12), Debbie Henning (7), Jacqueline Locascio (5), William McCarty (13), Kaylaa McGinnis (12), Kristen Schroeder (5), Cristyna Ramirez (12)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 4:35PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees:

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report; Bonnie provided financial report in Loren's absence
 - o \$25,511 balance
 - o \$200 to Lockport HS to support prom week prevention activities
 - o Motion: Sheree Stilwell motions, Diane DeVries seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of March minutes
 - o Motion: Bonnie McPhillips motions, Aishwarya Balakrishna seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
 - o Grant application has been submitted!
 - Thanks so much to everyone that assisted with the application process

- Will find out in August if funding is awarded
- CADCA Mid-Year
 - July 16-20 in Dallas, TX
 - Let Bonnie know ASAP if interested in attending- Jacqueline Locascio voiced interest in potentially attending

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - No meeting this month; need to figure out new date/time for meeting
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
 - Addressed the following goals:
 - Determine which cities have the most overdoses: established that they were Crest Hill, Joliet, Bolingbrook, and Lockport
 - Expand Naloxone Plus program by 5-10 police departments by 9/30: Channahon and Shorewood PD are on board, working to get more departments on board
 - Develop a 30-second PSA targeting parents in June: Diane DeVries has come up with two PSA's; arranging with Sheriff Kelley for a time to record
 - Next meeting is 5/23 at 3:30PM
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly
 - No meeting this month
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield; Brittany gave report
 - Help us get the word out on social media; visit our page/like posts/share with colleagues!
 - FB: 142 reach
 - IG: 103 reach
 - 2 new likes on FB, 5 new followers on IG
 - 16 site visits to FB, 7 visits on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Utilize online link on WCSO website to request HIPS trailer for events, available for free on a 1st come, 1st serve basis
 - First event was held on 4/20 for the Citizens Police Academy participants- setup, cleanup and 25 members of the CPA went through trailer
 - Saturday 4/22- attended Substance Abuse Recovery event at WCHD, approximately 10-15 people went through trailer due to inclement weather
 - Upcoming events
 - June 21-24: HomerFest
 - May 1st- Lockport
 - August 5th- Lockport
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
 - No update at this time

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - Not present
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way

- Not present
- **College or University:** OPEN
 - Need to fill
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
 - Continues to facilitate family support groups on a weekly basis
 - Will be attending JTHS Kermes Event and representing the Coalition at a resource table
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
 - Allison- Rosecrance Frankfort office expansion, open house in June
 - Seeking a full-time licensed clinician for Frankfort programs
 - New staff position at Rosecrance: Veterans Liaison for Community Care Network
 - Community Care network is a network of providers for veterans who are unable to obtain care through the VA
 - Veterans are able to get a referral through the VA and subsequently get care through the community care network
 - Veterans Liaison can assist with navigating treatment process and is a veteran themselves
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - Finishing up Too Good For Drugs and taking post-test
 - Looking to have pizza party at school for 5th, 6th, and 7th graders
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - Snapchat campaign is going and will have data regarding campaign at next meeting
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - No report at this time
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - Not present
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C-Principal Kristen Schroeder
 - Concluded Too Good For Drugs at Hadley Middle School; still going at Homer Junior High
 - Lincolnway PE Takeover Day- demonstrates to students what it is like to live with a physical disability
 - Upcoming: Day of Awesomeness, planning field trips, chorus concerts
 - Increase in student mental health needs- one of top two goals, implementing 2nd step program for SEL skills for students
 - Training from Greg Wolcott regarding student mental health needs, additional screeners to be implemented for students
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - Statistics, as of March: Narcan has been given to 602 people, distributed at 176 locations, 134 Fentanyl test strips distributed
 - Overdose deaths: 112 in 2022, 18 from January-March 2023
 - May is Mental Health Month!
 - Discussed NIH study about genetic markers identified for substance use disorder

- Will County Health Center has ribbon cutting ceremony which Rep. Lauren Underwood will be at
- HLM Meeting- Narcan training at New Lenox Safe Communities Meeting on May 1st
- FDA granted approval for Narcan to be sold over the counter
- Discussed adding Narcan where AED's are found
- NACO Commission- Dr. Burke has been appointed and commission is seeking feedback on mental health care systems in Will County, please reach out to Dr. Burke with feedback, what would you like featured?
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - No updates/not present
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - No updates/not present

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

Old Business

- None reported

New Business

- Too Good for Drugs update – Brittany Gruver
 - Too Good For Drugs has been completed for 6th grade students at Hadley Middle School, finishing up last quarter of 7th grade at Homer Junior High
 - Beecher and Lockport PD also implement Too Good For Drugs
- Please continue to send any emails for Courtney Garfield to Bonnie McPhillips
- Opioid Committee: 4/25 at 3:30PM in-person only

Announcements:

- Cristyna Ramirez discussed Existential Counselor Society- residential treatment program for men in two locations in Joliet; hoping to open third location
- Southwest Coalition Spring Conference being held on May 5, 2023, from 9:00AM-3:30PM at St. Joe's, cost is \$75 for 5.5CEU's, please reach out to Kaylaa McGinnis for more information or registration

Adjournment

End: 5:05PM- Brittany motions, Bonnie seconds

Next Meeting: May 23, 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.