



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – July 2023
July 25, 2023
4:30PM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: August 22, 2023**

Members Present

In-Person: Kim Bartolomucci (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Diane DeVries (4), Connie Dewall (11), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Sheree Stilwell (8)

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Julie Berry (12), James Budrick (10), Victoria Camacho (11), Caitlin Daly (10), Brian Delli (3), Steve Hall (12), Debbie Henning (7), Dan Jungles (7), Bill McCarty (13), Kate Reed (10), Kristen Schroeder (5), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12), Loren Yaksich (9)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 4:33PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees:

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
 - o \$25,273.00 balance
 - o No expenses for the month of July
 - o Motion: Bonnie motions, Aishwarya seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of June minutes
 - o Motion: Loren motions, Kathleen Burke seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
 - o Grant application has been submitted!
 - Will find out in August if funding is awarded
- **CADCA Mid-Year**
 - o Sheree and Connie Dewall attended CADCA and reviewed some of the information they learned from the training sessions:

- 141 trainings took place
- 500 youth were present
- Attended a very helpful resource fair that had some take-aways that could be beneficial for the Coalition to look at including small lock boxes for prescription medication
- Many of the presentations included a strong focus on fentanyl
- Other things learned included the importance of having individuals with lived experience at the table, detecting early warning signs and educating youth about such warning signs
- Operation Parent- Parent Handbooks that could be helpful material for the Coalition to look into to provide resources for parents
- Connie attended a presentation put on by the DEA which was very helpful
- There was representatives from 27 countries present and it was interesting to hear how other countries face similar challenges
- Able to take away that our Coalition is doing a lot of things right!

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - Met with Sgt. Eiden to discuss the alcohol and nicotine compliance checks, Sgt. Eiden provided some suggestions to include “tip line” for public to fill out to notify law enforcement if retailers are providing substances to minors to provide more targeted enforcement
 - Compliance checks continue to be completed
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
 - Completed first goal of identifying which cities have most overdoses, Kathleen Burke has agreed to meet with Chiefs of cities where overdoses are highest to introduce them to Naloxone Plus program- meeting to be arranged
 - Naloxone Plus program summary: if a police department responds to an overdose, Connie Dewall and team of individuals with lived experience reach out and goal is to get Narcan into the household as well as provide family support and a warm handoff to treatment if the individual is ready and willing for treatment at that time
 - Second goal was to expand amount of PD’s utilizing Naloxone Plus program which is also happening
 - Third goal was to have PSA targeting parents about dangers of opioids in youth- PSA has been on the air; 264 ads have aired on 4 stations for 3 weeks
 - Fourth goal was created of ideas of where to put Naloxone dispensers in the community
 - Opioid committee made recommendation to Coalition to have a special meeting with Illinois Hospital Supply so they can come in and give additional information about the Narcan dispensers which should be open to community members and stakeholders

- Include Narcan in all AED's and dispensers will be placed in the Courthouse and other County buildings
 - Some libraries are interested in having a dispenser
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly
 - Met and discussed a resource packet for schools to address nicotine, marijuana, and vaping and would like to put together a list of providers that treat youth who are using nicotine, marijuana and are vaping
- **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: 308 reach
 - IG: 97 reach
 - 0 new likes on FB, 8 new followers on IG
 - 95 site visits to FB, 9 visits on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Email Bonnie/Sgt. Platos directly with any requests for the HIPS trailer as the website submission form is not working
 - Many events and requests for August but still lots of availability for July if anyone is interested in having the trailer at their events!
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
 - No update at this time

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - Discussed community event on 9/23 with Northern Illinois Food Bank to provide food to members of the community
 - October- Joliet Family Fun Fest
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
 - No updates at this time
- **College or University:** OPEN
 - Need to fill
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
 - No updates at this time
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
 - Rosecrance-adolescent residential census is lower right now so Rosecrance has immediate availability for adolescents 12-17 in Rockford with primary substance use, primary mental health, and co-occurring disorders
 - Please reach out to Allison if you would like to take a tour of the Rosecrance campuses in Rockford
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - 8/5- Lockport Community Celebration
 - Starting TGFD in schools for 1st & 3rd grades once school starts
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - Media campaign is going very well!

- In month 3 of mobile geofence campaign- the campaign promoting positive activities- 152,000 imprints in June which resulted in 633 website visits to Coalition page and 42% click-through
- Snapchat campaign in July and August
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - Not present/ no update at this time
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - Not present/ no update at this time
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C-Principal Kristen Schroeder
 - Getting ready for start of school in 3 weeks!
 - Too Good For Drugs will resume for 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at Hadley and Homer Junior High
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - Pop-up map for resources available in community
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - No updates/not present
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - School getting started soon!
 - New director for Teen Achievers program
 - Teen reach program for middle schoolers

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

Old Business

- None reported

New Business

- Too Good for Drugs update – Brittany Gruver
 - Will be starting at the end of August at Hadley Middle School and Homer Junior High
- ***No opioid meeting before August meeting**
- Your Light Still Shines Event
 - 8/23 at Parkview Church in New Lenox
 - Will include HERO trailer and HIPS trailer, unwanted medication takeback, resource table, Narcan training, and a panel discussion

Announcements:

- **NEW MEETING TIME: The Coalition will begin meeting of the 4th Tuesday of every month at 9:30AM instead of 4:30PM beginning in SEPTEMBER**
 - Diane motions, Loren seconds

Adjournment

End: 5:17PM- Brittany motions, Bonnie seconds

Next Meeting: August 22, 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.