



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – August 2023
August 22, 2023
4:30PM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: September 26, 2023**

Members Present

In-Person: Diane DeVries (4), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Debbie Henning (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7)

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Brian Delli (3), Terry Lemming (7), Bill McCarty (13), Amber Mitchell (5), Katherine Schram (10), Kristen Schroeder (5), Allison Thomas (12), Loren Yaksich (9)

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
 - o \$25,273.00 balance
 - o No expenses for the month of August
 - o Motion: Debbie Henning motions, Diane seconds
- ~ **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of July minutes
 - o Motion: Bonnie motions, Diane seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- ~ **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
 - o Courtney submitted progress report, still waiting to hear about funding award

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- ~ **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - o Alcohol/nicotine compliance checks continue to be completed
 - o No other updates
- ~ **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming

- No meeting in August, 9AM meeting on 9/26 before Coalition meeting
- **Nicotine** – Caitlin Daly
 - Met and continued to discuss smoking/vaping resources
 - Resources especially needed in Eastern Will County if anyone is aware of any
- **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: 108 reach
 - IG: 71 reach
 - 0 new likes on FB, 8 new followers on IG
 - 35 site visits to FB,13 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
 - The care team has been very busy with HIPS trailer events this summer!
 - New material and handouts are being ordered to pass out at HIPS trailer 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- giving away medical screenings and groceries to over 250 families
 - October- Joliet Family Fun Fest, HIPS trailer will be there
- **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-with school resuming, adolescent treatment beds are beginning to fill up
 - Adult treatment beds: Rosecrance will begin “phasing in” additional beds for adults beginning 9/1 at residential treatment in Rockford
 - 20-30 beds will be added in September to address wait lists
 - Frankfort: adult in-person IOP and adolescent IOP as well
 - **Gloria:** virtual and in-person IOP in Joliet, continue to see increase in cocaine usage
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - TGFD beginning on 9/18 for 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades
 - Community event on 8/21
 - Mums sale taking place to benefit special Olympics
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - No update at this time
- **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
 - School is back in session!
 - Open House/ scavenger hunt taking place
 - Schools will be focusing on mental health
 - Significant 72- first three days students are in school, focusing on building relationships and rapport
 - 8/31- curriculum night
 - SRO assigned to Homer schools- Deputy Jake Populorum started!
 - In need of Spanish teacher and school psychologist
 - **Amber Mitchell from Joliet schools:** Youth advisory committees being formed, hoping to resurrect Operation Snowball, Open House from 6-8PM on 8/30
- ~ **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - Not present/ no update
- ~ **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - Not present/ no update
- ~ **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - Not present/ no update

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

Old Business

- ~ None reported

New Business

- ~ Too Good for Drugs update – Brittany Gruver
 - 7th & 8th grade TGFD starting next week!
- ~ 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**

Adjournment

End: 5:02PM- Brittany motions, Bonnie seconds

Next Meeting: September 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.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.