



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – September 2023
September 26, 2023
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: October 24, 2023**

Members Present

In-Person: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), James Budrick (10), Kathleen Burke (11), Brian Conser (7), Caitlin Daly (10), Connie Dewall (12), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Dan Jungles (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Robert Platos (7), Katherine Schram (10), Sheree Stilwell (8), Loren Yaksich (9)

Zoom: Victoria Camacho (11), Tim Cramer (12), Marie Marek (12), Dan Martin (12), Bill McCarty (13), Amber Mitchell (5), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Patrick Reynolds (11), Kristen Schroeder (5), Danny Sourbis (12), Laurie Summers (11), Allison Thomas (12)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 9:34AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees: Patrick Reynolds (Senator Durbin's Office), Danny Sourbis (ROSC)

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
 - o \$25,273 balance
 - o No expenses this month
 - o Motion from Jungles, second by Conser
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of August minutes
 - o Motion from Lauren, second by Dr. Burke

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
 - o Grant was awarded for the next 5 years!
 - o Spendings for the remainder of the grant period

- Safe Rx locking prescription bottles with remaining money (5 cases of large bottles, 2 of small)

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - No updates
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
 - Next meeting this Thursday at 1:30PM
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
 - Newspaper dispensers and more distribution in partnership with Dr. Burke
 - Connecting people with peer support after an overdose
 - Targeting 5 areas in Will County that have highest overdose rates
 - Dispensers at libraries and other community areas where there is a need
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
 - 118 Facebook Reach, 95 Instagram Reach
 - 57 Facebook Visits, 14 Instagram Visits
 - 1 New Facebook new likes, 10 Instagram Followers
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Several events in August and Sept. includes Joliet West, Homer JH, etc.
 - More planned for October
 - Surveys have been productive
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
 - Registration for IYS 2024 has opened – survey will be conducted between January and May 2024

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - Brian not present
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
 - No updates
- **College or University:** OPEN
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
 - Lots of interest in online group
 - 15 ppl a week for support group
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
 - Lots of referrals for adolescents, especially for substance use
 - IOP fully back in person next month
 - Rosecrance therapy line is active
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - Started TGFs
 - 854 students total in several schools
 - 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - TGFs ongoing
 - Recruiting for IYS 2024

- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - o Mayor Darcy and JPD shut down 5 shops for selling to underage kids
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
 - o New SRO building great relationships with students
 - o Had recent HIPS Trailer event during curriculum night
 - o Hadley is starting TGFDs with 5th grade soon
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - o Lots of NARCAN requests from schools
 - o Joliet Casino will now have NARCAN
 - o Next virtual training in November
 - o Violence Prevention grant at Joliet Township
 - o Care group through JFD started (Chief Carey) to streamline care
 - o New counselors hired for substance use
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - o He's in school!
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - o Donnie not present
- Laurie Summers, County Coroner
 - o Alerts on drug toxicity throughout the county
 - o Would like to go into schools to inform students on toxicity and dangers of drugs

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

Old Business

New Business

- Voting on Board Members for upcoming grant period (Sept 2023-Sept 2024):
Approved!
 - o President: Caitlin Daly
 - o VP: Aishwarya Balakrishna
 - o Treasurer: Loren Yaksich
 - o Secretary: Sheree Stilwell
 - o Member at Large: Diane DeVries
- Too Good for Drugs Updates – Brittany Gruver
 - o 7th and 8th at Homer JH
 - o 5th grade in a few weeks
- Announcements
 - o Bonnie: Send hours that you are working on outside of meetings for grant reporting
 - o Allison Thomas: Pathway to Hope and Healing event tonight in New Lenox for suicide prevention
 - o Amber Mitchell: New increase in overuse of edibles and kids getting sick
 - o No Opioid Committee meeting next month

Adjournment

End Time: 10:15AM

Next Meeting: October 24, 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.