



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – January 2024
January 23, 2024
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: February 27, 2024**

Members Present

In-Person: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Jamie Bibian-Lopez (10), James Budrick (10), Caitlin Daly (10), Connie Dewall (12), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Abbi Klopp (10), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Katie Schram (10),

Zoom: Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Kayla DeCant (13), Brian Delli (3), Bill McCarty (13), Kaylaa McGinnis (12), Tracey Papesh (12), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Patrick Reynolds (11), Katherine Schram (10), Kristen Schroeder (5), Sandy Serwoka (12), Sheree Stilwell (8), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12), Jennifer Trivelli (12), Loren Yaksich (9)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 9:34AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees:

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
 - o \$25,073.00 balance
 - o \$200 expense for month of January for retirement gift for Vicki Hayes (Business Official for Coalition for many years)
 - o Motion: Aishwarya motions, Katie Schram seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of November minutes
 - o Motion: Loren motions, Katie Schram seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips

- CADCA National Leadership Forum- Jan. 29- Feb. 1
 - 6 Coalition members will be attending
 - James Budrick-Diaz, Aishwarya and Diane will be presenting regarding the Coalition media campaign in 2023, reviewing use of social media and radio ads with conference attendees

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - Alcohol subcommittee meeting taking place on 2/27/24 at 9AM via Zoom
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
 - Met today 1/23/24 at 9AM before Coalition meeting
 - Discussed Connie doing roll call trainings
 - February meeting on 2/27/24 at 9AM to set 2024 goals
- **Nicotine** – James Budrick-Diaz
 - Working with ROE to get vaping information into Will County schools
 - Working with Diane to do a PSA in 2024 to discuss changes to Smoke-Free Illinois Act
 - E-cigarettes will now be prohibited in all places smoking is prohibited
 - Discussed getting a tipline set-up regarding retailers selling nicotine and tobacco to minors
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
 - Posted 11x in past month, let Courtney know of any suggestions for content to post on Coalition social media page
 - FB: 193 reach
 - IG: 64 reach
 - 1 new likes on FB, 2 new followers on IG
 - 41 site visits to FB, 3 visits on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Trailer is winterized for the season
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
 - Group discussed which schools have already registered and which schools to target to get signed-up
 - Allison Thomas reported she did try to connect with Lincoln-Way schools to encourage their participation but it was voted down at the School Board meeting

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - Competitors lunch event
 - Discussed new event programs in the community and ways to increase Coalition involvement in events
- **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
 - Sheree will be at a resource table on 2/19 at Troy Community School District resource fair
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
 - Rosecrance- adolescent residential beds available- age 12 & up for both males and females
 - Two new offices and Open Houses
 - Kankakee- located at 505 S. Skyler, open house is scheduled for 2/23 from 11am-1pm
 - Norwood Park- located at 5440 N. Cumberland near O'Hare- open house scheduled 3/1 from 11am-1pm
 - Kankakee location will provide adolescent IOP and Norwood Park will provide services for both adults and adolescents
 - Gateway: outpatient center in Bloomington office
 - Increase in cocaine admissions
 - Accepting weekend admissions
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - Officer Debbie Henning from Lockport PD sent email update that they currently are teaching 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade (Total of 39 classrooms) and are still doing Tobacco Enforcement program
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - No update at this time
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - Provided updates regarding IYS earlier in meeting
 - No other updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - No updates at this time
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C-Principal Kristen Schroeder
 - End of 1st semester, finished 5th grade TGFD at Hadley Middle School, beginning 6th grade TGFD
 - Focusing on social emotional learning needs and student mental health
 - The school board is accepting bids for adding the addition at the school that was approved and bids will be voted on at board meeting
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - Connie Dewall reported that recovery community organization building is being renovated with hopes for soft opening in the Spring
 - Will provide peer support, resources, clothing room, etc. offered to those in Will County struggling with/in recovery from substance use disorder
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
 - Not present/ no update
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
 - Hosting workshop for high school students and young adults interested in joining the trades

- Gala on 2/24 at Bolingbrook Golf Course

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 quarter one and two completed, 5th grade completed, beginning 6th grade and third quarter of 7th/8th grade
- Digital Billboard in Lockport with anti-drinking and driving message was great success!
 - Thanks to CiCi DiSomma for the connection and assistance
- Aishwarya discussed Capitol Hill Day at CADCA and will be talking to legislators about the work the Coalition is doing in the community

Announcements:

- ROSC meeting at 130PM on today's date for monthly council meeting
- Christina from Existential Counselor Society- bed availability in Joliet accepting Medicaid and commercial insurances
- Sandy Serowka from Counseling Works introduced herself and the agency

Adjournment

End: 10:14AM- Brittany motions, Bonnie seconds

Next Meeting: February 27, 2024 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.