



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)  
Main Meeting – February 2024  
February 27, 2024  
9:30AM  
In-Person and Zoom Meeting  
Approved: March 26, 2024**

**Members Present**

**In-Person:** James Budrick-Diaz (10), Kathleen Burke (11), Connie Dewall (12), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Troy Green (12), Brittany Gruver (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Bill McCarty (13), Katie Schram (10), Sheree Stilwell (8), Katie Zacharias (7)

**Zoom:** Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Kayla DeCant (13), Brian Delli (3), Paula Ekstrom (12), Danielle Hefferman (12), Amber Mitchell (5), Tracey Papes (12), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Patrick Reynolds (11), Kristen Schroeder (5), Alex Strong (12), Allison Thomas (12)

**Call to Order/Welcome**

**Start: 9:35AM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions (Name & Organization)**

**Welcome to any first-time attendees:**

**Reports:**

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - o \$25,073.00 balance
  - o No new expenses
  - o Motion: Dr. Burke motions, Aishwarya seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of January minutes
  - o Motion: Chuck Mascolino motions, Allison Thomas seconds

**WCSAPC Requirements:**

- **DFC Grant Report** – Courtney Garfield
  - o Working on Annual Performance Report due in March
  - o Recap of CADCA National Leadership Forum- Jan. 29- Feb. 1
    - Vaping sessions were very popular and had to limit attendees due to high interest and attendance

- James Budrick-Diaz, Katie Schram, Sheree Stilwell & Aishwarya Balakrishna discussed some of the highlights learned from sessions including social media misinformation session, information learned from sessions addressing alcohol, specifically that important correlation to increased use in teens is accessibility in the home and the importance of targeting parents, Capitol Hill day, sessions about the stigma and cultural awareness of stigma
- Aishwarya discussed Capitol Hill day and meeting with government officials to discuss work the Coalition is doing
  - Discussed SAMHSA grant to help expecting and post-partum moms struggling with substance use issues.
- Aishwarya discussed upcoming Advocacy Day in Springfield where different Coalitions in the State of Illinois will meet and discuss the work of the Coalitions with different State Representatives

### **Subcommittee/Action Team Reports**

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
  - Alcohol subcommittee meeting will be working with the Nicotine committee to find a time to meet to collaborate on initiatives
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
  - Met today 2/27/24 at 9AM before Coalition meeting
  - 2024 goals for Opioid Committee were established:
    - Dr. Burke will offer Kloxxado (8mg Narcan) to all PD's in Will County by the end of March
    - Naloxone Plus Program- present to Joliet Police Department roll calls by 7/1
    - Complete PSA to be displayed on digital message boards in Joliet by 5/1
- **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
  - FB: 355 reach
  - IG: 135 reach
  - 0 new likes on FB, 8 new followers on IG
  - 68 site visits to FB, 15 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
  - Increase in high school participation from previous year
  - If anyone has contacts at Hufford, Dirksen, and Washington Junior High in Joliet, they are not signed up yet

### **Sector Reports & Sharing:**

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
  - 10/12/24 date established for Joliet Family Fun Fest at the ballpark downtown Joliet
    - Zero cost for not for profit organizations to participate
    - Will be requesting HIPS trailer
  - 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:** Kayla DeCant
  - Completed biannual report recently, no other updates
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
  - Sheree was present at Troy Middle School resource fair representing Families United Overcoming Addiction and Grandparents Raising Children
  - There was 56 resource tables and was a very well-attended event
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
  - Rosecrance Therapies line is available for weekly outpatient counseling
  - Norwood Park- located at 5440 N. Cumberland near O'Hare- open house scheduled 3/1 from 10am-2pm
  - Gateway: There will be a meet and greet on 4/26 at Aurora location from 1130am-2pm, will be able to tour alcohol-only unit at Aurora location
    - LENS program in Downers Grove IOP, offering neurofeedback to clients at Downers Grove location but will be offering to clients in Aurora eventually
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
  - Officer Debbie Henning from Lockport PD sent email update that they currently are teaching 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade and are in lesson 9/10 in TGFD program in 40 classrooms
  - Officer Henning & Officer Ganger went to training regarding alcohol compliance checks and will be looking to implement them in their community, continue to implement tobacco enforcement checks
- **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
  - Recently hosted Family Fitness Night
  - Spring break coming up! 😊
  - Too Good For Drugs program is being taught in 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms; currently on lesson 6
  - Looking to host Family Wellness Night in the future to bring resources and information to parents to issues middle schoolers are facing
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke

- Kolxxado-8mg dose of Narcan, received IDPH grant to distribute to first responders and emergency medicine personnel
- IDPH released standing order for Narcan including training for nurses and in the schools
- Narcan distribution boxes have been placed at WCHD locations, the Will County Executive's Office, Will County Courthouse, and White Oak Public Library system
- Recovery Community Organization of Will County- has a board and physical location, hoping to open in a few months
- **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
  - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade TGFQD quarter one and two completed, 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed, on lesson 6/10 for 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, will be starting final quarter of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Gloria Bloodsaw discussed an idea for a presentation on cultural considerations and stigma in substance use disorder among teens and families

#### **Announcements:**

- Courtney Garfield discussed Safe Schools Ambassadors program

#### **Adjournment**

**End: 10:26AM- Brittany motions, Bonnie seconds**

**Next Meeting: March 26, 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.*