



Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – March 2024
March 26, 2024
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: April 23, 2024

Members Present

In-Person: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Brian Conser (7), Connie Dewall (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Tyler Giacalone (11), Brittany Gruver (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Katie Schram (10), Sheree Stilwell (8), Katie Zacharias (7)

Zoom: Jada Anthony (12), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Tim Cramer (12), Kayla DeCant (13), Brian Delli (3), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Troy Green (12), Brianna Jackson (11), Garland May (11), Bill McCarty (13), Tracey Papesch (12), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12), Michelle Westenhoff (11)

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: Bonnie motions, Undersheriff Conser seconds
- Secretary – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of February minutes
 - o Motion: Undersheriff Conser motions, Bonnie seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- DFC Grant Report – Courtney Garfield
 - o Annual Performance Report has been submitted
 - o CADCA Mid-Year (July 14-18) registration has began, in Chicago
 - Commute option only due to being held in Chicago

- Let Courtney know if interested in attending

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
 - Going to review letter to send to retailers who pass alcohol and nicotine compliance checks
 - Add tipline to website to report retailers selling to those underage
- Opioid – Chief Terry Lemming
 - Chief working with Chuck Mascolino at JPD to display 3 images on 10 digital billboards in Joliet
 - Proposed images for the billboard were shown to the Coalition
- 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
 - Working on research and information requested by other Coalition members regarding vaping
- Social Media – Courtney Garfield
 - FB: 479 reach
 - IG: 36 reach
 - 4 new likes on FB, 2 new followers on IG
 - 61 site visits to FB, 0 visits on IG
- Care Team Updates – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - Trailer is winterized for the season
 - Accepting requests for trailer at upcoming events!
 - Trailer has been requested for National Night Out and Family Fun Fest
 - The floors in the trailer are being updated with weatherproof floors
- Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update – Dr. William McCarty
 - Group discussed which schools have already registered and which schools to target to get signed-up
 - Tim Cramer reported no changes since last meeting but some schools have begun following through with completing survey!

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- Business in the Community: Brian Delli
 - Competitors Networking Group being hosted today from 2-3PM
- Civic Volunteer Groups: United Way
 - No updates at this time
- College or University: Kayla DeCant
 - No updates at this time
- Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations: Sheree Stilwell

- No updates, continues to facilitate family support groups
- Healthcare Professionals: Allison Thomas
 - Rosecrance Clinician has been hired for Frankfort office to begin facilitating weekly outpatient therapy, including primary mental health diagnoses, not only substance use and will be ready to begin at the end of April
 - Rosecrance is opening an office in Beverly neighborhood on S. Western Ave. that will emphasize their Resilience Program which includes any frontline workers that experience high levels of occupational stress
 - Open house planned for September
 - Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues is hosting their spring conference on May 3rd from 9AM-4PM at St. Joe's
 - 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
 - Gateway is opening an IOP location in Peoria and an IOP location in Bloomington
 - Gloria discussed increase in heroin and ecstasy use in admissions for treatment
- Law Enforcement Agency: Lockport PD
 - Continuing to teach Too Good For Drugs
- Media: Diane DeVries
 - Diane sent out media updates for Snapchat campaigns focusing on positive messaging
- Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse: Tim Cramer
 - Provided updates regarding IYS earlier in meeting
 - No other updates
- Parents: Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - Prom season is coming up, reminder to keep an eye on adolescents during this time of year!
- Schools: Homer Glen District 33C-Principal Kristen Schroeder
 - No updates/not present
- State or Local Government Agencies: Kathleen Burke
 - Attempting to pass legislation that bans Kratom
 - Narcan distribution boxes have been placed at WCHD locations, the Will County Executive's Office, Will County Courthouse, and White Oak Public Library system
 - Romeoville library went through 60 boxes of Narcan
 - Courthouse went through 120 boxes of Narcan in one week
 - Coffee & Chat event being hosted on 4/4 from 10AM-2PM at the Will County Health Department in the community room, sponsored by MAPP collaborative, opportunity to network
- 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

- Springfield Advocacy Day: attended by Aishwarya, Katie Schram and James
 - o Took place on 3/5 and 3/6- talked to legislators who represent Will County-able to educate on substance abuse issues and the work the Coalition is doing, legislators were interested in knowing how they can support the Coalition
 - o Stevenson High School had 40 youth present and discussed how they were able to engage their youth sector
 - o Thank you to the staff from district offices that are present at today's Coalition meeting!

New Business

- Too Good for Drugs update – Brittany Gruver
 - o 7th & 8th grade TGFD quarter one, two & three completed, 5th grade completed, 6th grade completed, started final quarter of 7th/8th grades
 - o Sending 4 Sheriff's Office employees to the June training for TGFD
- Prom Prevention Week- will be working with Jacqueline Locascio at Lockport Township High School for their prom prevention week by assisting with providing fliers and passing out information to alcohol and tobacco retailers as well as utilizing alcohol goggles from WCSO

Announcements:

- Kayla DeCant- Family Violence Coordinating Council will be hosting a training about technology safety on 4/11 at Lewis University that will be offering CEU's to social workers, counselors and law enforcement
- Gloria- 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 and meet new Executive Director and Medical Director

Adjournment

End: 10:17AM- Brittany motions, Bonnie seconds

Next Meeting: April 23, 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.