



**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – April 2024
April 23, 2024
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: May 28, 2024**

Members Present

In-Person: Kathleen Burke (11), Connie Dewall (12), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Katie Zacharias (7)

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Cristina Banda (12), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Paula Ekstrom (12), Tyler Giacalone (11), Troy Green (12), Natalie Manley (11), Bill McCarty (13), Kaylaa McGinnis (12), Meg Loughran Cappel (11), Amber Mitchell (5), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Katie Schram (10), Kristen Schroeder (5), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12), Michelle Westenhoff (11), Loren Yaksich (9)

Call to Order/Welcome

Start: 9:33AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Senator Meg Loughran Cappel presented to the Coalition regarding new vaping bill (SC 3098). This bill adds Illinois to a list of States that does not allow vapes to be purchased online for anyone other than retailers or distributors. This bill is intended to prevent minors from being able to purchase e-cigarettes online and have them shipped to their home.

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, Marie Marek seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of March minutes
 - o Motion: Bonnie motions, Tim Cramer seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
 - 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 by May 1st

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
 - o Tipline added to Coalition website to report retailers who are selling alcohol and nicotine products to minors
 - o Alcohol prevention ad that was displayed on billboard in Lockport is also going to be on Joliet digital billboards- thanks to JPD Officer Mascolino for assistance with this
 - o Jacqueline Locascio will be working with WCSO and Lockport PD to provide signs and flyers to retailers regarding not selling alcohol to minors as a reminder during prom season
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
 - o WCHD has a grant to distribute Kloxxado to police departments; the WCHD has hired a staff person and are moving forward with the program
 - o Kathleen Burke will attend Will County Chiefs of Police meeting in June
 - o Connie Dewall is attending roll call trainings at Joliet Police Dept. this week regarding Naloxone Plus program
 - o Opioid subcommittee selected images to be posted on digital billboards in Joliet with assistance from Joliet PD Officer Mascolino
- **Nicotine** – James Budrick-Diaz
 - o Working with ROE to get vaping information into Will County schools
 - o 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
 - o Discussed creating a flyer with a QR code to disseminate to people notifying of tipline regarding selling alcohol/tobacco to minor on Coalition website
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
 - o FB: 291 reach
 - o IG: 62 reach
 - o 10 new likes on FB, 3 new followers on IG
 - o 97 site visits to FB, 6 visits on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
 - o Trailer requests have started coming in and events are getting scheduled
 - o Trailer has been requested for National Night Out and Family Fun Fest
 - o The floors in the trailer are being updated with weatherproof floors
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
 - o Deadline for completion is mid-May
 - o Plan to send one last recruitment email

- Increased participation in high school, slightly decreased participation in middle school

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
 - Ribbon cutting event at Will County's Ovation Center in Romeoville at 3PM on 4/24/2024
 - Monthly competitors luncheon on 4/25
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
 - Reminder that 211 is available to provide to the community for those in need of resources and referrals
- **College or University:** Kayla DeCant
 - No updates at this time/not present
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
 - No updates/not present
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
 - Adolescent programming available- IOP both in-person in Frankfort and virtual options as well
 - Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues is hosting their spring conference on May 3rd from 9AM-4PM at St. Joe's
 - Gateway: April is alcohol awareness month, reminder that Gateway has alcohol-specific unit in Aurora
 - Grant-funded online gambling treatment program
 - Contact 877-505-4673
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
 - Finished all 39 Too Good For Drugs classes
 - August 3rd- Community Celebration in Lockport
 - Youth Police Academy this summer
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
 - Not present/no updates
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
 - Provided updates regarding IYS earlier in meeting
 - No other updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
 - Not present/no updates
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C-Principal Kristen Schroeder
 - ABC Countdown Days for remaining days of school!
 - Numerous end of school year activities planned
 - Groundbreaking ceremony week of May 14th for addition being built
 - Principal Schroeder discussed recent incident at school and thanked everyone who has assisted in training students and staff with lockdown drills as everyone knew what to do in event of lockdown drill
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
 - Got Naloxone Program
 - Over 11,000 boxes of Naloxone distributed last year, projected to distribute 16,000 boxes this year

- 10 red boxes in the community- most utilized locations are the Courthouse and Romeoville library, Narcan distributed to these locations by Got Naloxone teams
- Got Naloxone team has been at 198 locations to date, they are teams with lived experience and provide Narcan as well as fentanyl and Xylazine test strips to the community
 - Opioid funding is available for organizations to request
 - Connie Dewall was on NBC news regarding recent fentanyl overdose of 12 year old to give community resources and information
- **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

New Business

- Too Good for Drugs update – Brittany Gruver
 - 7th & 8th grade TGFD quarter one, two & three completed, 5th grade completed, 6th grade completed, started final quarter of 7th/8th grades
 - 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:

- Wilmington Coalition- Red Carpet Corridor event 5/4 and 5/5 from 9am-4pm
 - Coalition will be present passing out information, resources, and free popcorn to engage with community members
 - April prescription takeback
- Cristina Banda- Illinois Family Resource Center
- Neesha- ROSC meeting today at 11AM, created landing resource page for Will and Grundy counties

Adjournment

End: 10:23AM- Brittany motions, Bonnie seconds

Next Meeting: May 28, 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.