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

Members Present

In-Person: Courtney Garfield (7), Troy Green (12), Terry Lemming (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Sheree Stilwell (8), Loren Yaksich (9)

Zoom: Gloria Bloodsaw (12), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Dennis Cole (12), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Kayla DeCant (13), Brian Delli (3), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Garland Mays (11), William McCarty (13), Katie Schram (10), Kristen Schroeder (5), Danny Sourbis (12), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12), Blake Worman (12)

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:35AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)
Welcome to any first-time attendees:
Blake Worman – Serenity House, DuPage ROSC

Reports:
- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $22,864 balance
  - $312 in expenses
  - Motion: Bonnie McPhillips motions, Allison Thomas seconds
- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of June minutes
  - Motion: Loren Yaksich motions, Gloria Bloodsaw seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:
- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
  - Nothing new to report, continuing to comply with all requirements of the grant
  - Aishwarya presented with IPN at CADCA Mid-Year last week. She did great representing our Coalition at CADCA. Check out the pictures on our social media from the presentation. She will speak more on it next month.

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Courtney Garfield
  - Alcohol and nicotine compliance checks continue
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
  - Completed almost all of the goal originally set for this group for 2024
  - Dr. Burke is unable to present at Will County Chiefs of Police meeting due to schedule being full until January
  - Connie Dewall attended all roll call trainings at Joliet Police Department, working towards completing these in Steger
  - Digital billboards need to begin again in Joliet once a different image is selected
  - Will be working with Diane at Alpha Media to record PSA for summer regarding dangers of opioid use
  - Will have another meeting in person prior to the main meeting in August at 9:00 am
- **Nicotine** – James Budrick-Diaz
  - No meeting this month however will be sending out a Doodle Poll soon so the group can meet in August.
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
  - FB: 210 reach
  - IG: 48 reach
  - 3 new likes on FB, 2 new followers on IG
  - 54 site visits to FB, 9 visits on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Courtney Garfield
  - The HIPS trailer has been out in the community at various events
  - There are approximately 15 scheduled for the remainder of the season at this time
  - Continuing to post on social media the day before the event so anyone can see where we are going to be located.
  - Please submit requests for HIPS trailer to be at any community events being hosted
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Tim Cramer/Dr. William McCarty
  - Awaiting IYS results, Tim will update the group once the results are posted
  - Dr. McCarty is working on Too Good For Drugs date utilizing pre and post test from 2023-2024 school year

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
  - Trying to get into the Plainfield car shows on Tuesday nights, busy event
  - Joliet Family Fun Fest, Oct. 12 will have family resources as well as the HIPS trailer
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
  - Reminder that 211 is available to provide to the community for those in need of resources and referrals.
  - EMA survey for damage from the July 15th storm in order to help assess the community damage and current needs and assistance needed
- **College or University:** Kayla DeCant

    - Students come back next month
    - Wellness Fair will be hosted at Lewis University on 9/11 from 11am-1pm during community hour; be on the lookout for information regarding possibility of having a resource table, more information to come!
    - Discussed Division 1 athletics programs no longer test their athletes for cannabis and it is in discussion for Division 2 schools, which is Lewis University. Will report back when a decision is made or when more information is provided.
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
    - Will be at the Back to School Fair at Troy School District on Aug. 9 from 5:00-7:00 pm
    - Neesha from HLM Recovery also added that she has a townhall event coming up called "Pastors, Pastries, and Professionals" on July 25th at 9 am at Ekklesia Worship Embassy, 1110 Curtis Ave. Joliet there will be a light breakfast and networking. They will also be discussing the opening of the new community center in Joliet
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
    - Programing available in the new Frankfort location, IOP for both adults and adolescents
    - Beverly area location is preparing to open on Oct. 4th
    - Rosecrance is hiring for licensed clinicians
    - New Lenox Safe Communities Coalition is hosting annual Your Light Still Shines event on 8/21 from 5-8PM at Lincoln Way West
        - HIPS trailer will be there, medication takeback, Narcan training, resource fair
    - Gateway (Gloria): breaking ground on new recovery home
        - Please attend the Your Light Still Shines event, always a good turn out
        - Sept. 28th in Aurora there is a walk at the Fox Valley
        - Grant-funded online gambling treatment program
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - August 3rd- Community Celebration in Lockport
    - Too Good for Drugs will be starting back up in August
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
    - Not present/no updates
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
    - Not present/ no updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
    - Not present/no updates
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C-Principal Kristen Schroeder
    - Staff will be returning to school shortly
    - Thank you to Courtney, Brittany, and Sgt. Platos for meeting last week to discuss scheduling Too Good for Drugs. Excited to start the program back up with 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades starting at the beginning of September
    - HIPS trailer will be at both open house events

    - Bell Road is still under construction as are the schools due to the addition that is currently under way in between the schools.
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - Not present/ no updates
- **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

- Your Light Still Shines event at Lincoln Way West on 8/21 from 5-8PM which will include HIPS trailers, medication takeback, Narcan training, resource fair
- Board Member Nominations- a slate of nominees will be presented at September meeting, voted on, and new board will begin on October 1st

Announcements:

- Garland Mays (community engagement coordinator for the Office of the Will County Executive) mentioned a free food event in response to the storm for the city of Joliet and for all of Will County residents who were affected. It will be held at the county building (302 N. Chicago St, Joliet) on July 27th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm or until supplies last. If you would like to volunteer the link will be sent out to sign up. In need for many volunteers to make this event run smoothly and efficiently.

Adjournment
End: 10:13AM-
Next Meeting: August 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.