Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – August 2024
August 27, 2024
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: September 24, 2024

Members Present

In-Person: Alexciana Castaneda (7), Brian Conser (2), Shmir Corzine (12), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Troy Green (12), Brittany Gruver (7), Dan Jungles (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Carla Policandriotes (12), Katie Schram (10), Sheree Stilwell (8), Ron Vlasaty (12), Katie Zacharias (7)

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Julie Berry (12), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Brian Delli (3), Dominica Dybas (10), Paula Ekstrom (12), Lori Kehoe (10), Garland Mays (11), Dan Martin (12), William McCarty (13), Jaron Nabors (12), Tavaris Prince (12), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Allison Thomas (12)

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:33AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)
Welcome to any first-time attendees:
Jaron Nabors & Tavaris Prince – Serenity House, DuPage ROSC
Ron Vlasaty & Carla Policandriotes- Family Guidance Centers
Lori Kehoe- Suncloud Health

Special Announcement- Deputy Chief Jungles introduced Alexciana Castaneda who is responsible for implementing and monitoring deflection grant that Will County Sheriff's Office recently received to support initiatives targeted towards overdose prevention and response.

Reports:
- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $22,864 balance
  - No expenses for past month
  - Motion: Aishwarya motions, Chief Jungles seconds

- **Secretary** – Sheree Stilwell - Approval of July minutes
    - Motion: Chief Jungles motions, Chuck Mascolino seconds

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Courtney Garfield
    - Courtney submitted annual grant report, beginning year 7 on September 29th
    - Aishwarya presented with IPN at CADCA Mid-Year in July. She did great representing our Coalition at CADCA. Aishwarya reported that she attended many great sessions about AI and sustainability planning.

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Courtney Garfield
    - Brittany & Courtney sent letters this past week to retailers that passed alcohol & nicotine compliance checks
    - Too Good for Drugs beginning in Homer Glen next week
- **Opioid** – Chief Terry Lemming
    - Continuing to work on ongoing goals including working with 10 digital billboards in the City of Joliet to put up prevention messages
    - Sheriff Kelley will be recording PSA's at Alpha Media for prevention messages for radio
    - Carla Policandriotes & Ron Vlasaty presented about Family Guidance Centers initiatives in Will County which include harm reduction van. The harm reduction van has been running for approximately 45 days and provides Narcan, fentanyl test strips, and also helps build rapport and trust with individuals and direct linkage to treatment. In the 45 days it has been active, three individuals have entered into inpatient treatment. Please let Ron/Carla know about community events and groups that the harm reduction van could be present at !
    - Will have another meeting in person prior to the main meeting in September at 9:00 am
- **Nicotine** – James Budrick-Diaz
    - Letters were sent to retailers who passed nicotine compliance checks to provide positive reinforcement but also to make them aware that checks are being completed
    - Katie Schram discussed new tipline card that was created with a QR code to pass out at community events so community members can report information about retailers selling alcohol and tobacco to minors
    - Caitlin Daly shared resource regarding city of Joliet efforts to reduce youth vaping in their community
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - FB: 379 reach
    - IG: 57 reach
    - 4 new likes on FB, 2 new followers on IG
    - 93 site visits to FB, 0 visits on IG
- **Care Team Updates** – Courtney Garfield
    - The HIPS trailer has been very active out and about at community events

    - Have attended approximately 15/16 events in August with many more scheduled for September and October
    - Please submit requests for HIPS trailer to be at any community events being hosted
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Tim Cramer/Dr. William McCarty
    - IYS survey results are available, Dr. McCarty is reviewing to present findings to the group

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
    - Business networking event today at Victorian Village in Homer Glen
    - Joliet Family Fun Fest, Oct. 12 will have family resources as well as the HIPS trailer, register by 9/15 to have a resource table
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
    - Not present/ no updates
- **College or University:** Kayla DeCant
    - Not present/ no updates
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
    - Was present at Troy Back to School Fair, representative at Your Light Still Shines which was a good outreach event and many expressed interest in attendance at family support groups
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas
    - Recap of Your Light Still Shines Event
    - Programing available in the new Frankfort location, IOP for both adults and adolescents
        - On-site clinician also available at Frankfort location for individual counseling sessions related for both mental health and/or substance use issues
    - Beverly area location is preparing to open on Oct. 4th
    - Gateway (Gloria)
        - Downers Grove location is offering individual therapy as well as groups
        - Joliet location offers both in-person and virtual evening IOP from 530-830
        - Sept. 28th in Aurora there is Recovery Awareness walk at the Fox Valley Fellowship at noon
    - Suncloud Health- Lori Kehoe
        - Locations in Naperville, Northbrook and Chicago
        - Offering residential for 18+ and IOP/PHP for 12-18 year olds
        - Provide treatment for mental health disorders, substance use disorders and eating disorders
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - Too Good for Drugs has started back up; Andy and Debbie are teaching four grades of TGFD in Lockport school
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
    - Not present/no updates
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer

    - Not present/ no updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
    - Expressed appreciation for the Coalition and how it has impacted youth in the community
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C-Principal Kristen Schroeder
    - Too Good for Drugs starting at both Hadley Middle School and Homer Junior High next week for 5th, 7th, and 8th grades
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - New Narcan box available at the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission on Glenwood
    - WCHD is expanding on counseling services available in Bolingbrook, currently providing counseling 1x per week in Monee as well
    - WCHD will be providing substance use and mental health counseling and peer support in the schools for youth
    - 172 S. Chicago St., will be open soon and managed/led by other individuals in recovery
    - In month of August, team was at 16 locations and gave out 1,936 boxes of Narcan and 282 fentanyl test strips
- **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

- Board Member Slate:
    - President- Caitlin Daly
    - Vice President- Aishwarya Balakrishna
    - Treasurer- Loren Yaksich
    - Member at Large- Diane DeVries
    - Secretary- Katie Schram
    - Motion: Chief Jungles, 2nd: Undersheriff Conser, new slate voted in to begin on October 1st

Announcements:

- Caitlin Daly discussed MAPP program and partner survey letter that is going to be sent out to the Coalition, please participate!

<u>Adjournment</u>

End: 10:23AM-

Next Meeting: September 24, 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.