Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – October 2024
October 22, 2024
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: November 26, 2024

Members Present

In-Person: Alexciana Castaneda (7), Brian Conser (2), Shmir Corzine (12), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Terry Lemming (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Carla Policandriotes (12), Julie Sterr (12), Sheree Stilwell (8), Allison Thomas (12), Katie Zacharias (7)

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Brian Delli (3), Paula Ekstrom (12), Troy Green (12), Dan Martin (12), Noah Martinez (11), William McCarty (13), Amber Mitchell (5), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Kristen Schroeder (5**)**

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:36AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)
Welcome to any first-time attendees

Reports:
- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $22,864 balance
  - No expenses this month
  - Motion from Bonnie, second by Julie Sterr
- **Secretary** – Katie Schram - Approval of September minutes
  - Motion from Carla Policandriotes, second by Troy Green

WCSAPC Requirements:
- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
  - No updates at this time, all reporting completed for year six, year seven of grant period has begun
  - Focusing on fundraising efforts and sustainability planning

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
    - Red ribbon week activity at Hadley Middle School completed
    - Alcohol and nicotine compliance checks to be completed soon, will send retailers letters following completed checks
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
    - Tipline cards available to pass out at community events with QR code to submit tip about retailers in the community selling smoking/vaping/nicotine products to minors
    - Toolkit distributed to middle and high schools in Will County
    - Discussed new nicotine pouches that are available and social media posts to raise awareness
- **Opioid –** Chief Terry Lemming
    - Goals completed this year
        - Displayed messages on digital signs
        - 24 hour treatment message went on signs
        - Naloxone plus presentation
        - Messages developed for WJOL
        - Family guidance on board of the committee- harm reduction van
        - Dr. Burke distributed double naloxone to half of police departments
        - Next opioid subcommittee meeting on 11/26 at 9AM, will set 2025 goals at this meeting
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - 250 Facebook reach and 71 engagements
    - 0 New Facebook follower, share social media pages with colleagues, family & friends!
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
    - Event at Joliet Central on 10/22
    - Last event of the season should be on 10/28 for Trunk or Treat before the trailer is winterized for the season
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
    - Putting together report from new survey data
        - Dr. McCarty reported that he is expanding on measures in report and will send the report to anyone on the Coalition who is interested in reviewing

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
    - Thanks to the HIPS trailer for being at Joliet Family Fun Fest, the event was a success and serviced 500+ families
    - Trunk or Treat at Lewis University on 10/27
    - Local CPR training, 1 hour overview class on 11/7, 11/14, and 11/21
    - Extra shirts were donated by Parkview Church that can be used as smocks for children
    - Email Brian any upcoming trainings or information so he can share at community events
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way

    - No updates
- **College or University:** Kayla DeCant- Lewis University
    - No updates
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
    - Still having family support groups
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
    - Rosecrance clinicians in Frankfort and Beverly offices are accepting clients for therapy
    - Suicide awareness event on 10/22 at Trinity Services in New Lenox from 530-730 which will include a resource fair and presentation/speakers
    - **Gateway:** Gateway is offering detox at Lake Villa, Springfield, and Chicago locations
        - IOP at Downers Grove location, clinician available to see clients for therapy for any mental health concerns
        - Gloria is happy to share an article regarding Medicare providing coverage for residential substance use as Medicare currently does not cover
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - No updates, continuing to teach TGFD in Lockport schools
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
    - New radio ad recorded and is running!
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
    - No updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
    - Provided feedback about how the Coalition has assisted youth in making positive decisions in college to avoid drugs and alcohol
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
    - Quarter One is nearly complete
    - Celebrating lots of successes and events coming up including the Boo Bash, cook fair, celebrating red ribbon week, Hadley was recently featured on WGN fly-over
    - Building construction ongoing and on track to open October 2025
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - No new updates
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
    - No new updates
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
    - Friday 10/26 from 6-8pm, Boo Bash at Galowich location, expecting between 500-1000 kids
    - Friday 10/26 from 6-8pm, Halloween Spooktacular at Plainfield location
    - 11/2- partnering with UPS and Star 96.7 to host a toy drive for Toys for Tots, will be live broadcasting "stock the truck"
    - Groundbreaking ceremony at Shorewood location

Note: Please limit any individual sector reporting to 10 minutes.

Old Business

- **Too Good For Drugs Update-** Brittany Gruver

- 1st quarter of 7th/8th grade completed, continuing with 5th grade TGFD program

- **Deflection Grant Update**- Alexciana Castaneda
  - Discussed first quarter progress of grant
    - Established partnerships, got social media pages up and running, outreach to 35 individuals, attended community events, provided 86 boxes of Narcan to community members, and provided basic needs support

New Business

- Red Ribbon Week Events at Hadley Middle School
- New Lenox Safe Communities Coalition is hosting multiple events coming up, contact Dan Martin for further information
- Carla Policandriotes: Discussed harm reduction van that is available and was presented to Chiefs of Police at recent meeting, discussed interest that was expressed by local law enforcement agencies and will be following up by providing presentations to local law enforcement who are interested
- Troy Green discussed open house that will take place for Recovery Community Center of Joliet on 10/30 from 11AM-6PM at 180 S. Chicago St. in Joliet
- Paula Ekstrom: Sunday 29th Wilmington's national night out event 2-5
  - Community prayer service Oct 27 for red ribbon week, banner signing and red tulip planting also for red ribbon week
  - Drug take back day on Oct 26th from 10-12
  - Celebrated Coalitions 18th birthday
  - Freedom Walk for human trafficking

Adjournment
End Time: 10:19AM

Next Meeting: November 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.