Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – November 2024
November 26, 2024
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: January 28, 2025

Members Present

In-Person: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Victoria Camacho (11), Alexciana Castaneda (7), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Katie Schram (10), Julie Sterr (12), Dan Vlasaty (12), Loren Yaksich (9)

Zoom: Kayla DeCant (13), Jan Dombrowski (12), Jacob Jerwers (12), Kyle Leak (12), Garland Mays (11), William McCarty (13), Elizabeth Protich (12), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12)

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:33AM

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $28,127 balance
  - Two expenses this month: website for 82$ and TGFD manuals for 79$
  - Motion from Chuck, second by Julie Sterr
- **Secretary** – Katie Schram - Approval of August minutes
  - Motion from Chuck, second by Julie Sterr

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
  - No new updates

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
    - Explorer checks will continue after holidays
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
    - Working on a social media/website post for Zyn and other pouch tobacco/nicotine products
    - Diane gave idea for an expert to do an interview about the tobacco/nicotine pouches on WJOL
    - Ongoing to get the vaping toolkit into schools in the county. If giving it to anyone let James know which school and who you gave it to so we can keep track
- **Opioid –** Chief Terry Lemming
    - Goals made for this coming year
        - PSA's for youth
        - 1 opioid post per month
        - Do more outreach and work with community cares
        - Get a media message for the billboards During the January meeting
        - Possibly work with Terraboost: kiosks in Joliet/Crest Hill area stores for messaging. 250$ a month
        - Working on getting one of the Nalmefene brands (alternative to naloxone stays in body for longer) to first responders and the community
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - 635 views, 153 reach on Facebook and 118 visits
    - 1 New Facebook follower
    - Ideas for posts send to Courtney
- **Care Team Updates** – Courtney Garfield
    - HIPS trailer is done for the season and did 35 events
    - All surveys had positive responses
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
    - No new updates

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
    - No updates
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
    - No updates
- **College or University- Kayla DeCant**
    - No updates
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
    - No updates
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
    - Rosecrance Frankfort is looking for an individual counselor for children/adolescents (currently working with 12 and up). Beverly location has availability for child/adolescent/adult clients

- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - No updates
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
    - Media plan for this grant period has been made
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
    - Neesha (Will/Grundy ROSC): 11am ROSC meeting.
        - December 14th: event at the living room in Orland Park
        - December 17th: holiday brunch at 11am- meeting and brunch provided RSVP to Neesha
        - Partnering with Chestnut health for fosters-palooza
        - Taking donations of winter wear (all ages) for RCCJ
    - Jan (HERO)
        - They completed about 70 tours in their HIPS trailer
        - February 6th will have DEA presentation. Ask Jan for more information
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
    - No updates
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
    - No updates
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - No updates
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
    - No updates
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
    - No updates

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

Old Business

- **Too Good For Drugs Update-** Brittany Gruver
    - Finished 5th grade TGFD and 2nd quarter of 7th and 8th grade
    - Courtney brough Chase to last meeting with the 5th graders
    - Moving to 6th grade and 3rd quarter of 7th and 8th next week
- **Deflection Grant Update-** Alexciana Castaneda
    - Rental assistance was provided to 1 individual, with 4 grants pending
    - Clothing and toiletries have been provided to 1 individual
    - 1 youth stay in treatment for at least 30 days following a referral
    - Partnership has been created with Joliet Township to utilize their pace busses
    - Follow up has been conducted on 13 new reports

New Business

- No December meeting
- Opioid meeting will be held next in January before main meeting at 9am

- Any hours worked for the coalition tell Courtney
- Courtney and Alexciana: Joliet Summit – had a lot of different resources, some new ones and grabbed pamphlets/information sheets to potentially work with in the future.

Adjournment
End Time: 09:56AM

Next Meeting: January 28, 2025 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.