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

Members Present

In-Person: Kathleen Burke (11), Alexciana Castaneda (7), Shmir Corzine (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Connie Dewall (11), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Troy Green (12), Brittany Gruver (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), William McCarty (13), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Sheree Stilwell (8), Anthony Walker (12)

Zoom: Nicole A. (12), Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Tim Cramer (12), Kayla DeCant (13), Paula Ekstrom (12), Tyler Giacalone (11), Garland Mays (11), Shayla Powell (12), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Katie Schram (10), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12), Blake Worman (12), Loren Yaksich (9)

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:33AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)
Welcome to any first-time attendees: Elena Rivera – Family Guidance Center, Tyler Giacalone – Rep Manley Office, Shayla Powell – Blueprint Agency, Antony - Recovery Peer Coach

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $28,289 ending balance
  - CADCA lunch reimbursement received
  - Motion from Bonnie, second by Troy
- **Secretary** – Katie Schram - Approval of November minutes
  - Motion from Chuck, second by Sheree

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
    - Courtney is working on the next grant report

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
    - Explore checks will be scheduled
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
    - Met last week
    - FDA approved marking and sale of Zyn/nicotine pouch products
        - Social media created will share with coalition
    - Dr. Aaron Weiner WJOL interview idea to talk about nicotine pouches
- **Opioid –** Chief Terry Lemming
    - Making media for approval for various initiatives/goals
    - Members join community cares committee
    - Get Speaker on long lasting Narcan
    - Opioid meeting on February 25th at 8:30am
    - Opioid messages at Jewel/CVS – checking on funding
    - New goal: reemphasize naloxone plus
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - Facebook: 928 views 153 reach 5 new followers
    - Instagram: 93 views 38 reach 1 new follower
    - Send ideas for posts to Courtney
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
    - HIPS to start March/April
        - 1 request for June
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
    - No new updates
    - All reports are out, will do recruitment for next survey year

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
    - Continuing to facilitate 2 groups a week via Zoom
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
    - Rosecrance: Frankfurt office- added an evening adult IOP, accepting new clients. Hiring child/adolescent therapist for Frankfurt location. Over 56,000 people

served in 2024. Growth to come in Child/adolescent and outpatient programs. Spring conference will be May 16th at St. Joe's in Joliet.
    - Gateway: moving towards detox programs(Lake villa, Springfield, Chicago currently). Take all forms of insurance. Offering mental health counseling 1 on 1 (working on medicare). Alcohol use still on the rise, can support treatment at Aurora location.
    - Troy: IOP in Jolet virtual and in person evenings. Recovery community bingo night at RCCJ February 20th 3-6pm. Courtney will send out flyer
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - No updates
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
    - No new updates
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
    - No new updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
    - No updates
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
    - No updates
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - Counseling will start in Joliet West and Central for substance use
    - School based program expanded to Plainfield
    - Adding adolescent and adult counselor Feb 3rd
    - Expanded counseling at Health Department Bolingbrook location
    - Added peer recovery support specialist
    - Pregnant woman and substance use group formed, anyone interested in joining contact Kathleen
    - 37% decrease in opioid deaths
    - 15,204 boxes of Narcan of 2,962 fentanyl test strips distributed last year
- **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
    - Started another quarter of 7th and 8th grade. Lesson 6 in 6th grade
    - Over 60 classes taught last semester
- **Deflection Grant Update-** Alexciana Castaneda
    - Q2 report submitted
    - Rental assistance, clothing and toiletries for 10 people
    - New partnership with Blueprint
    - Starting to work with Joliet Library from geofencing data

- 2 more people joined treatment from outreach
- Facebook : 12 new followers, ~900 views

New Business

- Gloria: February 21st, Tacos and connections day, Crest Hill 11-2. Flyer will be sent out. Joliet Office – Hiring for evening therapist
- Caitlin: Friday April 25th MAPP forum. Working on time, at Ascension St. Joseph Hospital. Celebrate successes of work, share new data in the community. Strategic planning and prioritization.
    - Also a capacity survey is out
    - Doing focus groups. Looking to do a group in Monee area and seniors.
    - Continuum of Care – Tomorrow night identifying homeless individuals and connecting to services, and performing a needs assessment
- Garland: This Thursday, Dolly Parton imagination library (offers free books from 0-5 years old) starting at 5pm at the Rialto. Tickets $20 at the door.
- Neesha: Meeting at 11am today. Faith-based organization to speak on needs of the community. Tomorrow – circle of care virtual training through threads of hope- children who have lost parent due to substance use.
    - ROSC has a survey going out, for community needs. Last day for Survey is Jan 31st.
- Connie: 10am -6pm open everyday at RCCJ (180 S Chicago St Joliet). Shower days have been popular.
    - Needs socks, sock drive for February: bring new socks to next meeting!

Adjournment
End Time: 10:25AM

Next Meeting: February 25, 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.