Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – March 2025
March 25, 2025
9:30AM
In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Approved: April 22, 2025

Members Present

In-Person: Crystal Allen (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Alexciana Castaneda (7), Brian Conser (7), Shmir Corzine (12), Connie Dewall (11), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Heather Drew (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Matisha Green (12), Troy Green (12), Brittany Gruver (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Natasha Mendoza (12), Sheree Stilwell (8), Dan Vlasaty (12)

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Kayla DeCant (13), Surafel Ejigu (12), Paula Ekstrom (12), Dan Martin (12), William McCarty (13), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Patrick Sanders (12), Katie Schram (10), Ekram Sharma (12), Neesha Stringfellow (12)

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:35AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)
Welcome to any first-time attendees: Heather Drew – head of RCCJ, Mendoza – intern at RCCJ, Leticia- Montrose behavioral hospital, Crystal- Montrose behavioral hospital, Dr. Bikram Sharma- Montrose behavioral hospital, Patrick Sanders- Montrose behavioral hospital, Dr. Surafel Ejigu

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
    - $21,822.11 ending balance
    - No expenses in the last month
    - Motion from Cristyna, second by Connie
- **Secretary** – Katie Schram - Approval of February minutes
    - Motion from Aishwarya, second by Cristyna

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
    - No new updates
    - Annual performance report was submitted

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
    - No new updates
    - Spoke to Sgt Iden, explore checks getting scheduled
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
    - PSA is out and running
    - Another nicotine pouch post for social media is in the works
- **Opioid –** Chief Terry Lemming
    - Meeting before main meeting today
    - PSA being given to JWOL
    - Break free from drugs ad to give for billboards around Joliet
    - Troy to present at the next meeting
    - Troy and Connie new chairs
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - Facebook: 2535 views (77% increase since last month) 256 interactions 2 new followers
    - Instagram: 451 views 22interactions 4 new followers
    - Send ideas for posts to Courtney
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
    - HIPS requests have come in.
    - Put in requests on website if have an event coming up to Courtney or online
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
    - Survey has put out statewide participation report

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
    - No updates
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
    - No updates
- **College or University- Kayla DeCant**
    - Granted funding from IDHS to support addiction counseling program
    - Residence life staff trained for Narcan
    - Hazing Act passed in December, new education and reporting will be done
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
    - Continue to support families with groups
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
    - Rosecrance: no new updates

    - Gateway: Joliet now offering IOP services, virtual evening still available. Meet and greet for new leadership team on Friday May 9th from 12-2 (lunch provided). Looking to expand in Joliet. Now offering 1v1 counseling in Downers Grove.
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - Completed TGFD for all grades. Sent posts test to Courtney and Dr. McCarty
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
    - No new updates
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
    - No new updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
    - New safety standard for colleges- testing for drinks to see if they've been drugged
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
    - Celebrated
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - Rolling out a pregnant/postpartum women harm reduction kits. Distributed out with Blueprint agency.
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
    - No updates
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
    - Getting ready for summer camp programs. Any prevention messaging give to Donnie

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

Old Business

- **Too Good For Drugs Update-** Brittany Gruver
    - Finished with 5th and 6th grades, 7th and 8th grade started 4th quarter
- **Deflection Grant Update-** Alexciana Castaneda
    - Provided sober living assistance and transportation assistance and clothing
    - Do still have funds available for all of above mentioned

New Business

- **Cristyna:** Spring 2025 conference on May 16th at St. Joes 8:30 -4pm CEU's available.
- **Neesha:** ROSC council meeting today. Highlighting women through recovery with RCCJ this meeting. Allison and Dan will be speaking
- **RCCJ:** official grand opening June 5th event with resources, see the facility.
- **Paula:** Dr. Dutton helping set up a spring provider fair on April 12. Lion's is doing the easter egg hunt same day. Drug take back day coming up 10am – 12pm
- **Courtney:** new sector agreements will be sent out.
- **Caitlin:** MAPP collaborative is hosting the Spring Forum April 25th at St. Joes's 10am-2:30pm.

Adjournment
End Time: 10:12 AM

Next Meeting: April 22, 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.