Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – April 2025
April 22, 2025
9:30AM
Zoom Meeting
Approved: May 27, 2025

Members Present

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12). James Budrick-Diaz (10), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Brian Delli (3), Heather Drew (12), Paula Ekstrom (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Tyler Giacalone (11), Matisha Green (12), Troy Green (12), Brittany Gruver (7), Brianna Haug (12), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Garland Mays (11), William McCarty (13), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Natasha Mendoza (12), Shayla Powell (12), Elena Rivera (12), Allison Thomas (12), Dan Vlasaty (12)

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:37AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)
Welcome to any first-time attendees: Brianna Haug – Oxford House

Reports:

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

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
  - No new updates
  - DFC grant funds were awarded and released for year 8

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
    - No new updates
    - Spoke to Sgt. Eiden, explore checks getting scheduled on the east side of Joliet
    - Reminder that the TIP line is on the coalition website if you need to report a business that seems to be selling alcohol to minors
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
    - No new report
    - Will send out Doodle Poll for next month's meeting
- **Opioid –** Chief Terry Lemming
    - Meeting was canceled today but Troy will run the meeting next month, in person at 9:00.
    - Chief Lemming's last meeting will be in June before his retirement
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - Facebook: 740 views 204 reach 16 interactions 6 new followers
    - Instagram: 62 views 32 reach 11 interactions 2 new followers
    - Send ideas for posts to Courtney
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
    - HIPS requests have come in, approximately 5 or so at this point
    - 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
    - No new report

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
    - Plainfield Chamber of Commerce Cruise Nights begin soon, may be good to have some representation at these weekly events
    - Family Fun Fest in Joliet is in October again, HIPS trailer will be requested
    - Networking event today in Joliet at Lightways Hospice, Courtney forwarded the information
    - Ribbon cutting for Tios Donuts in Joliet on Thursday at 10:00 am
- **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 office will be offering adult IPO in the days and evenings. Also 2 mental health therapists joined on as well as an adolescent therapist who will start seeing children 12 and older for mental health therapy. Continued beds available at the Rockford location as well as medical detox.
    - Southwest Coalition Spring Conference will be held on Friday May 16th at St. Joe's Medical Center, $65 for 6 CEUS with breakfast and lunch. Student rates available.

    - Gateway: Joliet will now have virtual and in person treatment and will be expanding soon. Detox continues in Lake Villa, Chicago, and Springfield. Recently started a 1 on 1 therapy program at the Downers Grove location for mental health counseling. This can also include neurofeedback therapy at no cost. Open house event at the Joliet location will occur on May 9 from 12-2 pm. Also seeing an increase in cocaine use recently as well as an increase in young teen deaths due to bullying.
    - Troy Green added on Saturday the 26th there will be a Suicide Prevention Walk at Lewis University at 9:30 am. Alcohol awareness walk today in Aurora. On Thursday from 3-6 pm there will be a bingo event at RCCJ. Reach out to Troy for more information.
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - Officer Debbie Henning will no longer be teaching Too Good for Drugs since she pulled back onto the road. Officer Andy Ganger will take over and another officer will be trained in Too Good for Drugs in June. Andy will be our new representative for the Coalition.
- **Media:** Diane DeVries
    - No new updates
- **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
    - No new updates
- **Parents:** Undersheriff Brian Conser
    - No new updates
- **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
    - Our Construction project is doing great. We are on target and will be opening the building in the fall ready to go with 10 additional classrooms, State of the Art Library, New gym. and amazing cafeteria.
    - Jianna, one of our amazing 5th graders won statewide poster contest representing Mike Hastings and our Will County Constituents. The contest was called "Slash your trash"
    - . We are celebrating the end of IAR testing with amazing student attendance. The Spirit Days leading up to testing was a highlight. The Student council gave inspiring messages and treats to every student to encourage them to do their best on the IAR test.
    - We are amping up for our Chorus and Band Concerts that will be show-casing student talents at the end of the month.
    - ABC end of the year countdown celebration to summer starts on April 30!
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - No new updates
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
    - No new updates
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
    - Healthy Kids Day, Joliet Galowich Friday April 25th 5:00 and Plainfield April 26th

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
  - Applied for year 2 of the grant, will hear if approved in June
  - Do still have funds available for all services
  - Reminder for sector representatives to fill out and return sector agreements to Courtney!

New Business

- **Garland:** Friday the 25th from 9-2 there will be a "Day at the County" open house event at the County Building where you can come and ask questions and get resources. Celebrating county government month
- **Heather:** today from 4-6 pm there will be a community clean up for Earth Day, 180 S. Chicago St. Also a new youth program for teens with SUD, mental health, gang violence, etc. will be able to meet free of charge. Will be ran by a CADC but in a non clinical setting. Pancake breakfast at Applebees in Joliet in May. Reach out to Heather for additional information.
- **Caitlin:** Disabilities Awareness Event to celebrate the anniversary of the American Disabilities Act will be on July 26th at Bicentennial Park
- **Paula:** Saturday from 10-2 there will be a medication take back and shred event. Also Share Fest will be on august 2. Reach out to Paula with additional questions.

Adjournment
End Time: 10:12 AM

Next Meeting: May 27, 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.