Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – June 2025
June 24, 2025
9:30AM
Zoom Meeting
Approved: July 22, 2025

Members Present

In-Person: Yolanda Barnes (12), Christine Bukala (12), 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), Conrad Hardeman (12), Dan Jungles (7), Terry Lemming (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Shayla Powell (12), Sheree Stilwell (8), Dan Vlasaty (12), Kathleen Zacharias (7)

Zoom: Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), James Budrick-Diaz (10), Magdelena Campos (12), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Tim Cramer (12), Tom Delegatto (12), Brian Delli (3), Dominica Dybas (12), Bill McCarty (13), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Katie Schram (10), Neesha Stringfellow (12), Allison Thomas (12), Loren Yaksich (9)

Call to Order/Welcome
Start: 9:34 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions (Name & Organization)
Welcome to any first-time attendees: Christine – blueprint agency, Conrad Hardeman

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $21,822.11 ending balance
  - No expenses last month
  - Motion from Dr. Burke, second by Chief Jungles
- **Secretary** – Katie Schram - Approval of March minutes
  - Motion from Sheree, second by Chief Jungles

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
    - No new updates
    - Begin yearly report soon that's due in August

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
    - May 29th had explore checks. 19 total locations in New Lenox, Joliet, and Homer Glen. 18 passed, 1 failed- they were able to purchase a Zyn.
    - Last week sent the letters to those who passed
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
    - Jan from HERO reached out, for an in-person meeting. To talk about the CHAMPS event to talk about new things about tobacco retailers/marketing/new products. Meeting offered online also.
- **Opioid –** Troy Green
    - Will be chaired by Troy and Connie
    - Celebrated Chief Lemming
    - 60 overdoes deaths in Chicago this weekend, monitor moving forward
    - Looking into polysubstance use
    - Setting new goals and maintaining/finishing current goals
    - Discussed video boards to post around Halloween
    - Create a parent/child information – regular candy vs candy with substance
    - Officer Chuck, signs were approved, signs should be up now or shortly
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - Facebook: 2,504 views 963 reach 7 new followers (75% increase)
    - Instagram: 105 views 38 reach 4 new followers
    - Send ideas for posts to Courtney
    - Website updates: writing out 10 Q&A questions about substances from youth perspective to help with AI generation and leading to coalition website
    - Anyone going to an event, can send to Courtney to post, will also be posting the HIPS events
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
    - HIPS requests have come in, 3 more events over this coming weekend
    - 12 more in scheduling. Late August it usually picks up
    - Put in requests on website if have an event coming up to Courtney/Katie Z or online
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
    - No new report
    - Start recruiting in fall

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
    - Cruise nights pretty much full
    - Community networks lunch-in on Thursday this month in Bolingbrook
    - Updated paperwork for Joliet family fun night- still open for partners to have a table. Community service hours for youth available

- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
    - No updates
- **College or University-** Kayla DeCant
    - No updates
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
    - Support groups are going well. About 20-25 in attendance usually
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
    - Rosecrance: CEU opportunities available. 3 coming up: July 16th virtual, July 25th in person and virtual, August 6th lunch and learn in person 1 CEU and lunch included. First two will be 1.5 CEU's. will forward info to Courtney to share. Tour of Rockford facility next week on July 1st for anyone interested.
    - Gateway: groups in the evening and starting morning sessions as well. Detox available in certain locations.
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - Working on getting students for upcoming TGFD's in the fall
- **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
    - No new updates
- **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke
    - 4,436 boxes of Narcan distributed so far in 2025. 372 fentanyl and xylazine test strips passed out. BH has a school based mental health/substance use services expanded to schools in Plainfield and Rockdale. More red boxes of Narcan will be coming in
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
    - No new updates
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
    - No new updates

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

Old Business

- **Too Good For Drugs Update-** Brittany Gruver
    - Finished the school year! sent the data to Dr. McCarty
- **Deflection Grant Update-** Alexciana Castaneda
    - Closing out year 1 June 30th.
    - Have some resources still available so contact Alexciana for more info
    - Awarded funding for year 2

New Business

- **Neesha:** ROSC council meeting is today at 11am. Through funding, planning more youth involvement. Hired 2 interns to help. Partnering with Smoking/Vaping committee and health department tobacco grant to try and get into schools. August – highlight Spanish speaking community will be at the RCCJ in person and virtual for that meeting. Certifying ministries/faith-based organizations through Chestnut to be able to handle mental health/substance use.
- **Family guidance center:** no waitlist, provide rides for clinics, with or without insurance.

Will be having meeting in July
-opioid subcommittee will NOT taking July off
-smoking/vaping WILL have a July meeting

Adjournment
End Time: 10:07AM

Next Meeting: July 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.