Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Main Meeting – July 2025
July 22, 2025
9:30AM
Zoom Meeting
Approved: August 26, 2025

Members Present

In-Person: Alexciana Castaneda (7), Shmir Corzine (12), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Paula Ekstrom (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Sheree Stilwell (8), Dan Vlasaty (12)

Zoom: Crystal Allen (12), Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Kathleen Burke (11), Donnie Chestnutt (6), Caitlin Daly (10), Kayla DeCant (13), Connie Dewall (11), Dominica Dybas (12), Troy Green (12), Bill McCarty (13), Cristyna Ramirez (12), Katie Schram (10), Joan Stefka (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: Joan Stefka – Will County Health Department

Reports:

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $21,700.93 ending balance
  - 2 expenses, gift for officer Henning and for Chief Lemming retirement
  - Motion from Bonnie, second by Sheree
- **Secretary** – Katie Schram - Approval of June minutes
  - Motion from Aishwarya, second by Kathleen
  - Katie will be stepping down from secretary position, if anyone interested in being the new secretary let Courtney know by end of this week.

WCSAPC Requirements:

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips

- No new updates

Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
  - July 1st another round of explore checks happened. 11 passed, 3 failed. Courtney and Brittany sent the letters to retailers who passed to let them know
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – James Budrick
  - No meeting scheduled yet. Speaking with Jan to coordinate next meeting, may be in August.
  - James moved to a different division so will no longer be involved
- **Opioid –** Troy Green
  - Will meet again in Augus. 9am before main meeting
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
  - Facebook: 1,424 views 400 reach 2 new followers
  - Instagram: 249 views 41 reach 3 new followers
  - Send ideas for posts to Courtney
  - Anyone going to an event, can send to Courtney to post
- **Care Team Updates** – Sgt. Robert Platos
  - HIPS trailer is booking up, please let Courtney or Bonnie know if you want to book the trailer for an event ASAP
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
  - No new report

Sector Reports & Sharing:

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
  - No new updates
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
  - No updates
- **College or University-** Kayla DeCant
  - Merger with St. Augustine happened. Let Kayla know of any resources/support in Chicago area for students
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
  - No new updates, holding meetings weekly
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
  - Rosecrance: Hosting a CEU event at Lewis – suicidality among young adults, in person and virtual option. 1 CEU for Lunch and learn Aug 6 – mental health in tv shows and video games for children/adolescents. Annual event of Your Light Still Shines, Aug 28th at Lincoln Way West, mark overdose awareness day/month.
  - Gateway: recovery home groundbreaking happened! Open house will happen when completed. Starting to do more 1on1 from requests from clients.
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
  - Ordered TGFD supplies and given to those teaching. Ready to start at the end of August!
- **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
    - No new updates
- **Youth:** Peter Conser
    - No new updates
- **Youth Servicing Organizations:** YMCA
    - Summer camps in week 7 at 8 different sites. Starting to plan for fall/start of schools

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

Old Business

- **Too Good For Drugs Update-** Brittany Gruver
    - Will be working with school to get 5th and 6th grade scheduled for the fall soon
- **Deflection Grant Update-** Alexciana Castaneda
    - Just started year 2 at the beginning of the month!
    - Any potential clients let Alexciana know

New Business

- **Allison:** Trinity services living room in Orland Park (but also all living rooms)- a great resource for communities. Now mandated to be open 24/7/365. Anyone experiencing a mental health crisis can go instead of the ER, not a long-term stay, but can stay for a night or 2 depending on the situation. Also gives clients resources they need.
- **Neesha:** obtained Kankakee ROSC, so now 3 counties. Meetings will be 1 county per meeting (rotating). ROSC meeting today at 11am. Next month, at RCCJ- highlighting Spanish speaking community with a speaker, meeting in person and virtual.
- **Troy:** RCCJ - July 31st putting on a recovery bingo from 3-5pm, food and prizes available.
- **Paula:** Catfish days starting Thursday. Aug 2nd is sharefest at Wilmington Highschool, if interested in going contact Paula soon. Aug 11, underage drinking townhall meeting- key speaker Michael Menard – kite that couldn't fly author.

Adjournment
End Time: 10:08 AM

Next Meeting: August 26, 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.