**Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)**
**Main Meeting – August 2025**
**August 36, 2025**
**9:30AM**
**Zoom Meeting**
Approved: September 23, 2025

**Members Present**

**In-Person:** Kathleen Burke (11), Alexciana Castaneda (7), Caitlin Daly (10), Cecilia DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Troy Green (12), Brittany Gruver (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Sheree Stilwell (8), Dan Vlasaty (12)

**Zoom:** Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Christine Bukala (12), Caitlin Daly (10), Kayla DeCant (13), Brian Delli (3), Bill McCarty (13), Cristyna Ramirez (12)

**Call to Order/Welcome**
**Start: 9:35 AM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Introductions (Name & Organization)**
**Welcome to any first-time attendees:**

**Reports:**

- **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
  - $21,700.93 ending balance
  - 0 expenses
  - Motion from Kathleen, second by Aishwarya
- **Secretary** – Kayla DeCant- approval of July minutes
  - Motion from Sheree, second by Brittany
  - Kayla's first meeting as the secretary

**WCSAPC Requirements:**

- **DFC Grant Report** – Bonnie McPhillips
  - No new updates

**Subcommittee/Action Team Reports**

- **Alcohol** – Brittany Gruver
  - New school year starting- will start too good for drugs soon

    - Another round of compliance checks will be scheduled soon
- **Smoking/Vaping (formerly Marijuana/Nicotine)** – Aishwarya Balakrishna
    - Had in-person meeting at HERO
    - Got to see new substance products in person- Jan brought back from convention
    - Lots of unregulated products that are being sold locally
    - Would like Tim to come present to the full Coalition- very informative
- **Opioid –** Troy Green
    - New year starts in October- drafted new goals this morning
    - Pop-ups at haunted houses
    - Looking to bring __ in do to a presentation for subcommittee
    - OD rates are slightly down, but increase in suicide rates—want to talk to coroner to learn more
    - Prep kit for college students next fall
- **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
    - Facebook: 1,466 views 640 reach 0 new followers
    - Instagram: 293 views 72 reach 4 new followers
- **Care Team Updates** – Lt. Robert Platos/Katie Zacharias
    - HIPS trailer have a lot of curriculum nights and back-to-school events coming up
    - Feel free to reach out to book them for community engagement events!
- **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty and Tim Cramer
    - No new report

**Sector Reports & Sharing:**

- **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
    - 2025 Joliet Family Fun Fest Resource Event- Saturday, October 18th 10am-3pm at Slammers Baseball Stadium. Free tabling for government agencies and non-for profits, $30 for companies
    - Connecting with Latino Economic Development Association (LEDO) and African American Business Association (AABA) to see how they can collaborate
    - Potential connection with Vodka brand that wants to help pay off student loan debt in Illinois- already given over $2,500 to pay off debt
- **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
    - No updates
- **College or University-** Kayla DeCant/Lewis University
    - New cohort of students starting in our Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program's Advanced Training Program in Addictions
    - Interested in being an internship site- connect with Kayla (kdecant@lewisu.edu) or Dr. Kim Burke, Program Director (duriski@lewisu.edu)
- **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
    - No new updates
- **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
    - No new updates
- **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
    - No new updates

- **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
    - 10 more red boxes installed across Will County- 3 on Lewis University's campus, 1 at Frankfurt library, 1 in Wilmington
    - Total of 20 boxes across community
    - Have an individual interested in distributing Narcan at local raves
    - Local officials are interested in learning more about smoke shops and what they are selling, if there is any local legislation to prevent sales
- **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
    - Will start 5th grade in October
- **Deflection Grant Update-** Alexciana Castaneda
    - Working on evaluating year 1

**New Business**

- **Courtney:** Your Light Still Shines, Thursday August 28th, 5-8pm at Lincoln-Way, West Auditorium. HIPS trailer will be there, Narcan education, and a speaker.
- **Kristine:** Open new satellite location on September 4th in New Lenox. Will be open 8:30am-5:00pm on Thursdays, 8:30am-2:30pm on Saturdays. Will provide referrals, transportation, HIV testing, and then support/scheduling for services at the main office
- **Kathleen:** Will/Grundy ROSC meeting is at 11am at RCCJ virtual and in person

**Adjournment**
**End Time: 10:03AM**

**Next Meeting:** September 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. IN Person/VIA ZOOM, opiod meeting at 9:00am in person

**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.*