Will County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (WCSAPC)
Monthly Meeting Minutes – IN PERSON AND ZOOM
June 23, 2026 – 9:30AM
Approved: July 28, 2026

Members Present

In-Person: Crystal Allen (12), Yolanda Barnes (12), Anfaranetta Boswell (10), Alexciana Castaneda (7), Alberto Corral (10), Caitlin Daly (10), Sangita Garg (10), CeCe DiSomma (12), Courtney Garfield (7), Brittany Gruver (7), Chuck Mascolino (7), Bonnie McPhillips (7), Sam Ortega-Hughes (10),

Zoom: Tim Ackermann (10), Aishwarya Balakrishna (10), Gloria Bloodsaw (12), Tim Cramer (12), Kayla Decant (13), Dominica Dybas (12), Anysse Evans (10), Troy Green (12), Natasha Grover (12), Conrad Hardeman (12), Liaquath Mohiuddin (10), Leanne Smith (12), Joan Stefka (10), Jaclyn Strahanoski (12), Lauren Wagner (12)

I. Call to Order/Welcome

Meeting called to order at 9:32am by Caitlin Daly

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Introductions (Name & Organization)

Welcome to any first-time attendees

Welcome to Anfaranetta Boswell and Alberto Corral from Will-Grundy Medical Clinic!

Presentation from Dr. Garg from Will County Community Health Center Dental Clinic

IV. Reports:

a. **Treasurer** - Loren Yaksich - Financial Report
   a. Reported out by Courtney Garfield
   b. No expenses this month
   c. Ending balance is $21,750.93
   d. Motion by Bonnie, second by Aishwarya

b. **Secretary** – Kayla DeCant - Approval of May minutes
    a. Motion by Bonnie, second by Alana

V. WCSAPC Requirements:

a. **DFC Grant Report** – Courtney Garfield
    i. Next progress report due in August
    ii. Last call for spending with subcommittee projects is soon, please discuss any purchasing needs with your group at your next meeting
b. **708 Mental Health Board Grant Report**– Courtney Garfield
    i. First report due in July

VI. Old Business

a. Deflection Grant Update- Alexciana Castaneda
    i. Continuing to look at evaluations from trainings in Year 2
    ii. Approved for funding for year 3, will continue to provide services next fiscal year
b. Advocacy Update- Aishwarya Balakrishna
    i. Codified that IDPH will be responsible for maintaining the operation of the Illinois Quit Line
    ii. Requiring school boards to adopt policy to prohibit cell phones, computers, and smartwatches during school hours
    iii. Cannabis package was passed that included multiple regulatory items such as:
        1. Increased possession limit from 30g to 60g
        2. Prohibits sale of intoxicating hemp to anyone under 21
        3. Bans deceptive marketing

VII. New Business

a. Next month's meeting will be our final member appreciation event. There will be refreshments and awards, so please attend in person if you are able!
b. Coalition Event – October 7th at Lewis University Romeoville campus
    i. 5:30-7:30pm
    ii. Keynote speaker is Tony Hoffman

VIII. Subcommittee/Action Team Reports

a. Alcohol – Brittany Gruver
    i. Brainstormed ideas to collaborate with our youth representative and with local school district
    ii. Next meeting is August at 9am before coalition meeting
b. Smoking/Vaping – Tim Ackermann

i. Meeting is this Friday at 10am via Teams
ii. Most products have been ordered for quit kits, will begin assembly soon

c. **Opioid-** Connie Dewall
   i. **Next meeting in July at 9am before coalition meeting**
d. **Social Media** – Courtney Garfield
   i. Facebook: 760 views, 211 reaches, 1 new follower
   ii. Instagram: 129 views, 37 reaches, 9 new followers
e. **Care Team Updates** – Courtney Garfield
   i. Reminder you can reserve the trailer for events via the website, or by emailing Courtney or Bonnie
f. **Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) Update** – Dr. William McCarty
   i. VVSD, Wilmington, Reed Custer, Hoffer, Fairmont, Lockport, and Homer schools all participated
   ii. Administration of survey is over, waiting for county and state reports to be shared.

IX. Sector Reports & Sharing:

a. **Business in the Community:** Brian Delli
   i. Not present
b. **Civic Volunteer Groups:** United Way
   i. Not present
c. **College or University:** Kayla DeCant/Lewis University
   i. No updates
d. **Faith-Based, Religious or Fraternal Organizations:** Sheree Stilwell
   i. Not present
e. **Healthcare Professionals:** Allison Thomas/Rosecrance
   i. Rosecrance not present
   ii. Gateway updates from Gloria Bloodsaw
      1. Providing transportation for detox and residential clients
      2. Added more therapists to their staff to address mental health needs, and have expanded their peer support staff and interns
      3. July 31st event
f. **Law Enforcement Agency:** Lockport PD
   i. Not present
g. **Media:** Diane DeVries
   i. Not present
h. **Organizations Focusing in Substance Abuse:** Tim Cramer
   i. No updates
i. **Parents:** Jackie VanOvermeiren

i. New representative! Unable to make it to the meeting today, but will be joining us at future meetings.

j. **Schools:** Homer Glen District 33C
   i. Not present

k. **State or Local Government Agencies:** Kathleen Burke

l. Youth: Amy Flores/Give Back
   i.

m. **Youth Servicing Organizations:** OPEN

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

X. Announcements/Adjournment

a. Open invitation to your Montrose, just email Crystal Allen and you can set up a time! crystal.allen@montrosebehavioral.com

b. Will-Grundy Medical Clinic: free clinic
   i. Currently doing a hygiene product drive for their street outreach program. Biggest needs are body wipes, larger shampoo/ conditioner/soaps, and lotion.
   ii. Also have resources for food
   iii. Anfaranetta Boswell - aboswell@wgmedclinic.org
   iv. Alberto Corral - acorral@wgmedclinic.org

XI. Next Meetings

Next Main Meeting: July 28, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. IN Person/VIA ZOOM
Next Alcohol Meeting: August 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. IN Person/VIA ZOOM
Next Smoking/Vaping Meeting: July 24, 2026 at 10:00 am VIA ZOOM
Next Opioid Meeting: July 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. IN Person/VIA ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 10:26am by Caitlin Daly

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.