

## General Meeting **MINUTES**

Friday, October 20, 2017 from 11:30-1:00

Renz Center

Two American Way, Elgin, IL

October 20, 2017

**11:33:** Ricardo Gasca calls to order.

Introduction. In attendance, we had the following individuals:

Ricardo Gasca (staff)

Gil Feliciano (staff)

Jessica Reed (staff)

Tracy Johnson (staff)

Tina Viglucci (YOUTH-SERVING)

Kiesha Williams (SCHOOL)

James Nicklen (NATIONAL GUARD)

Randy Sundell (HEALTHCARE)

Leigha Griswold (HEALTHCARE)

Keith Goins (FAITH-BASED)

Patricia Williams (PARENT)

Sophia Ottomanelli (HEALTHCARE)

Elisa Lara (HEALTHCARE)

**11:40:** Introduction and welcome of Gil Feliciano, new DFC Coordinator

**11:45:** DFC Grant Discussion

- It was discussed that the DFC grant is to be used for environmental change in community for substance abuse, although CSHE can cover other factors.
- The coalition was reminded that CSHE was formed 20+ years ago, originally named the Elgin Gang and Drug Task Force. It was rebranded about 6 years ago, with a focus on high drop-out rates in the Elgin schools.
- CSHE has two grants currently supporting it, the DFC grant, along with a Stop ACT.
- The coalition is meant to be a community driven coalition, using data as a driving force to create population change.
- The coalition discussed some examples of programs that are possible through the grant, such as Snowflake and bottle “neckers”.
- The coalition discussed how a lot of the data is found through the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS). Some of the local schools have committed to participating in the survey already, but they must sign up by the end of the year to participate next year.
  - South Elgin HS and Larkin HS will be implementing the survey.
  - Data from Kane County Health Department

**12:15:** Discussion on the 12 sectors

- It was discussed that the coalition still has some gaps regarding the sectors that are not represented. Attendees gave ideas regarding who they could contact: Kane County Sheriff, Illinois State Police, Mental health board, coffee with the parents at YWCA, Discovery Church, Rotary Club, VFW, BRAVO magazine, student radio hosts, Ballet Folklorico Huehueycoytl (BHF), the Community Organizing and Family Issues Chapter at Larkin High School and Kiwanis were some ideas.

**12:30:** Expectations of the coalition were discussed.

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- Obtaining quality data and how it impacts the community and youth were one of first expectations discussed from the parent sector. In addition, getting a different perspective on a variety of issues, along with sharing data and information about various services was discussed. Networking and helping implement needed strategies in the community were also discussed.
- The idea of a restart mentality was introduced by Gil Feliciano, including being open to new ideas.
- New ideas regarding working groups (media, data, and after school alternatives) were discussed.
- New ideas regarding youth under the age of 21 are the focus of CSHE, which could include going to the board of health or liquor commission for a policy changes, alternative nights out that are open to a universal population and include t-shirts/wristbands/give away to promote change throughout the community.
- The idea to honor supporting businesses once a year was brought up.

**12:40:** Coalition Involvement Agreements (CIA) will be sent out in the immediate future.

**12:45:** Ricardo Gasca provided a brief overview of the site visit that occurred recently.

- Ricardo shared that the visit had gone well, with the two major concerns being that the coalition had been stopped for six months and not all 12 sectors were represented.
- Ricardo shared that copies of the report are available if anyone is interested in a copy and that eventually, the documents should be shared with everyone, ideally via the website.

**12:50:** Coalition announcements.

- On November 7 from 5:00-7:00PM Open Door is celebrating 40 years of service in the community. (Information will be posted on our website).
- Open Door has additional information on PrEP on their website.
- IL Gives Day-Giving Tuesday (November 28).
- Building Families Together is having a fundraiser November 4 with the Windy City Bulls. (Information is posted on their website).
- The library is hosting multiple events, including Marketing Your Music 101 on October 26, a screening of the Story that Never Changes on November 7, along with focus groups.
- Girl Power is being held at the library as well, on Fridays from 4-6, for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls.
- Kane County Health in Carpentersville will be having Teen Pregnancy prevention meeting next Friday October 27, 2017 from 2:00-3:30PM

**12:59:** Meeting adjourned.

**Next meeting November 17, 2017**

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