

MINUTES

Friday, February 16, 2018

Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin

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CSHElgin.org

PRESENT: Bob Whitt (Faith-based), Aurora Valencia (Other), Kiesha Williams (School), Jacob Harshbarger (Civic), Keith Goins (Faith-based), Adam Schuessler (Enforcement), Mark Whaley (Enforcement), Leigha Griswold (Healthcare), Jessica Reed (staff), James Nicklen (Government), Jack Wheatley (Faith-based), Eileen Lacy (Government), Patricia Williams (Parent), Gil Feliciano (staff).

11:30-Welcome/Introductions

11:35-Presentation by Sgt. Eileen Lacy, ILNG Counterdrug Taskforce, Civil Operations

- Meeting attendees participated in a Kaizen assessment of the coalition. The National Guard collected the data anonymously and will compile the results to be reviewed at the end of the meeting.

12:00-Minutes

- Gil Feliciano presented the minutes to coalition members from January's meeting. There were no objections to the minutes at the meeting and they will be finalized and added to the website on Monday.

12:05-Projects/Activities

- Gil Feliciano presented the flyer/poster for the next alternative night out, which is being called Club LITE. The next event will take place March 2 for Middle School Students. Meeting attendees discussed where the event is being advertised, including in the school district, along with local coalition members. Meeting attendees are invited to take a flyer with them if they have a place to hang them up. Meeting attendees recommended putting up flyers at the Elgin Rec Center and the Boys and Girls Club.

12:10-Follow Up

- Gil Feliciano discussed the results of the survey regarding the future time and date of CSHE. Gil reported that Wednesdays mid-day were the best time pursuant to members' survey responses, so he proposed moving the meetings to the 2nd Wednesdays of the month from 10:30am-noon. Meeting attendees agreed to the time change effective in March. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14.
- Gil Feliciano brought up the brief presentation at January's meeting, where Carlos Chavez brought the idea of partnering with the Latin American Theatre Festival. Meeting attendees agreed that they are open to collaborating and finding out more information regarding the Festival, especially if it relates to the action plan.
- Gil Feliciano reported on the results of Opioids 101 and the Narcan Training. There were 40 attendees for the Opioids 101 event, and 36 stayed to be trained after the presentation. Meeting attendees asked about the possibility of doing another similar

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event. Gil shared that the police are interested in doing a half-day training and community members are interested in training, especially if there are CEUs involved, which is something to consider for the Fall.

- Gil Feliciano shared a video of some of the highlights from the CADCA conference, which he, Leigha Griswold, and Keith Goins attended the past week. Gil provided a summary page of the conference and offered to provide information to anyone who is interested.

12:22-Open Floor

- Open Door is hosting a luncheon for the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS on March 6. They also have red ribbons available for those interested to wear during the week in support.
- Regarding the new strategic plan from the last meeting, Gil announced that he was able to submit it in time and it should be posted on the website. Gil shared he is working on a one page list of the activities that are in the action plan.
- U46 has shared the flyer for Club LITe with all the middle school principals.
- Elgin Math and Science Academy is scheduled to open in August 2018 and has open enrollment for grades K-3. EMSA is a public school, part of U46.
- The Literacy Connection is looking for volunteers for tutoring for individuals seeking to learn English as a second language. There is a current wait list of 6-9 months. There is also a Trivia Bee fundraiser happening for the Literacy Connection on Saturday, April 28 at the Grand Victoria Casino. If anyone is interested in either event, please connect with Patricia Williams.
- Elgin Hispanic Network is looking for board members, particularly in the fundraising and finance position. EHN is a group that meets the 4th Wednesday of the month and provides an opportunity for networking between organizations that serve the Hispanic community. Their next meeting is February 28 from 11:30-1 at St. Joseph's Hospital.
- While at the CADCA conference, CSHE members had the opportunity to meet with some legislators regarding funding opportunities for DFC. Since returning from Washington DC, congress did pass through the budget to continue funding DFC grants.
- On February 17, there is an event called Civic Saturday at the Gail Borden Library. It is a series on educating the community on the various branches of the government and positions, focusing on the individual's role in the community and how it influences the community.
- Keith Goins stated that he realized due to CADCA that CSHE is in year 3 of the grant and encouraged members to consider stepping up the activities that the coalition is engaged in the community.

12:37-Meeting Ended Officially. Evaluations were requested to be filled out and turned in before leaving. Attendees were invited to stay for 15 extra minutes to discuss the results of the survey.

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Results of the National Guard survey were discussed:

- Due to the rebuilding of the coalition in the past three months, it's not a surprise that there is little knowledge regarding the organizational structure of CSHE. Meeting attendees discussed how a welcome packet regarding some of the trainings and information on the groundwork of CSHE would be very helpful due to new people attending meetings and/or organizations sending different representatives each time. This Kaizen assessment is meant to be done at maximum once a year, so attendees also discussed having some sort of survey done in 6 months to see how the coalition has progressed and/or changing the meeting evaluation questions.
- Two working groups were started and will meet before the next meeting. The first regarding the survey results was comprised of Leigha Griswold, Keith Goins, and Pastor Jack Wheatley. The second was regarding the organizational structure of the group, which was comprised of Keith Goins, Leigha Griswold, and Sgt. James Nicklen.

Meeting adjourned 12:55pm.

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