

# Minutes

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 • 10:30-noon

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## [Coalition for a Safe & Health Elgin](#)

The regular monthly meeting of the Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin (CSHE) was held on Wednesday July 11, 10:30 a.m. at the Renz Addiction Counseling Center, 2 American Way, Elgin, IL, the President being in the chair.

Members present: Carl Evans, Keith Goins, Sherry Green, Elisa Lara, Berenice Bernal, Juan Camargo, Kathe Pava, Mark Whaley, Jack Wheatley

Guest present: John Kramer

Staff present: Gil Feliciano

No formal minutes were taken during June's board retreat but notes were distributed and verbal a recap was done along with a brief discussion. Those attending the retreat at Walcamp Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center in Kingston, Illinois from 9am-2pm on June 8, 2018 were: Tracy Johnson (presenter-TTJ Group), Sherry Green, Marlene Muñoz-Diaz, Mark Whaley, Marian Oyewande, Sgt. Ken Costello (presenter-National Guard), Keith Goins, Kathe Pava, Jessica Reed (staff), Jack Wheatley, Gil Feliciano (staff-presenter), Gabi Vargas, Elisa Lara and Berenice Bernal. Agenda included: Welcome, introductions, what CSHE is all about, why one is part of CSHE, its history as Elgin Gang/Drug Task Force and Drug Free Communities, review of Action Plan, Team Building exercise, Introduction to Strategic Planning Framework and Community Assessment, a deep dive into the Action Plan and a closing with next steps.

A lengthy discussion on the approximately dozen Action Plan items still to be done were discussed. It was agreed and committed to that about half, if not most, of the remaining action items would be done within next thirty days given their current in progress status; thus leaving about half a dozen to be done before the end of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 on September 29, 2018.

CSHE activities in last 60 days were summarized including: 1) collaboration with the police department and library on an outdoor summer kick-off event which included free food, informational booths, activities for children, dancing and a showing of a movie. CSHE provided DJ services and a table; the movie was rescheduled for the following week due to weather; 2) National Coalition Academy summer training in Santa FE, NM; two weeks have been completed with the last one in September; topics covered and to be covered are: the NCA's framework, NCA learning strategies, Academy coursework, Summary of the products coalition will be creating, Community assessment, Problem analysis, Logic models, value of effective interventions, how to achieve success. hands-on exercises, Designing and selecting interventions, Strategic and action planning, Policy and Education Basics, and Sustainability for coalitions; 3) bilingual parent Q&A published in Reflejos; 4) Bottle Neck Hangers placed on liquor bottles in liquor-selling establishments throughout Elgin by Renz Center's Leadership Empowerment And Development summer student; 5) meetings CSHE has attended like, the City of Elgin Liquor Commission, Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Elgin Police

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*To promote a safe and healthy community free of violence and substance abuse activity through education, prevention, and action.*

*Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"*

Citizens Advisory Council, Elgin Hispanic Network, Kane County Health and Love Elgin Day; 6) an Elgin Resources brochure was created, printed and distributed at the inaugural Love Elgin Day Youth Impact event; and 7) Board retreat (*supra*).

A PSA video called "Dear Future Me" created by the 27th Street West Drug Free Coalition in Milwaukee, WI was shown.

Those present expressed an interest in collaborating with and participating in the library's November opioid event.

We are in receipt of Sherman Hospital epidemiology report but still waiting on St. Joseph Hospital's.

A petition being circulated to place a 708 mental health board for Kane County was announced; if enough signature are gathered, will be on November's ballot.

A letter from the IL Society of Addiction Medicine dated June 28, 2018 was distributed detailing their opposition to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

Evaluations were distributed and collected.

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.  
Gil Feliciano, Secretary *pro tem*