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# MINUTES

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 • 10:30-noon

Renz Center • 2 American Way • Elgin IL 60120

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**10:30:** The interim president, Jack Wheatley, called the meeting to order.

Self-introductions were done by all attendees. In attendance, we had the following individuals: Jared Erickson, Tina Link, Jessica Reed, Michael Renner, Mark Whaley, Kathe Pava, Marija Hegel, Jack Wheatley, Gil Feliciano, Cristina Colunga, Sandi McClure, Bernie Basnic, Adam Schuessler, Jenny Wagner, and John Heiderscheidt.

**10:35:** The minutes from the August 2019 meeting were presented. Tina Link made a motion to approve the August meeting. Kathe Pava seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**10:40:** Gil Feliciano presented the DFC Coordinator Report. Gil highlighted recent events the coalition was involved in, including the Back to School BBQ Bash, the Overdose Awareness Day Vigil at Renz Center, and working with the library to encourage students to respond to the question "Who inspires you?" for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Gil also announced that registration for the IYS is now open. A brief discussion followed this announcement, including encouraging CSHE to invite the principals to the monthly meetings to share what CSHE is doing and the purpose behind the coalition. John Heiderscheidt shared data regarding the drug offenses, which doubled in the past two years. Most of the consequences were suspension, although the district has been implementing an online curriculum provided by Third Millennium. This curriculum is available in Spanish and English for parents, but only available in English for students. This is being paid for in part by the tobacco grant that was available from the Kane County Health Department. The data action group asked if this information could be provided to CSHE. John said he would be willing to provide the data to the coalition.

**11:05:** Jack Wheatley presented the executive report. The minutes from the September Executive Meeting was provided to the meeting attendees. The highlights included announcing Gabi Vargas' resignation from the presidential role and the evaluator from Epiphany sat in on the meeting via webcam and provided additional insight into the meeting. Jack also shared a brief update on the finances of the coalition, which is in good standing and has spent an appropriate amount of the grant.

**11:10:** There was no report from the sustainability committee as there is currently no committee. In the next year, CSHE will work to develop this committee.

**11:15:** Gil led a conversation on the future of Club LITe, including dates and venues. Gil asked if anyone has suggestions regarding where to hold the events. Ideas included: Frida's Party Room, Lords Park Pavilion, the Holiday Inn ballroom, and the Centre of Elgin. John Heiderschiedt suggested looking into hosting the event at a school, as the school resource officer could be assigned to work that night to help with security. John also suggested looking into various dates

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that schools have teacher institute days, as the paraprofessionals aren't assigned to report that day. CSHE may be able to collaborate with the school district to recruit them to help chaperone an event for the students during those days. In regards to dates for Club LITe, CSHE agreed to stay with Friday nights. Gil will look into venues and their availability.

**11:25:** Jessica Reed led a Kahoot activity to gauge coalition members' prevention knowledge.

**11:35:** Gil Feliciano led a discussion regarding Fall retreat dates. He asked for suggestions for locations, which included the Fox Valley Christian Action Camp in St. Charles or Walcamp in Kingston. Members shared that Mondays or Fridays worked best for days of the week. Gil will create a doodle to find which day works best. A suggestion was brought up to invite school principals to a separate retreat/meeting to discuss the coalition and activities.

**11:40:** Gil shared that CSHE is working on an incident report and policy and will keep the coalition updated with the progress. He also shared an update on the remaining action items from the action plan.

**11:45:** Jack Wheatley shared several upcoming events, including speaking at the U-46 board meeting public comments, having a table at the Farmer's Market, and assisting with the prescription drug take back day. The prescription take back day is being planned in collaboration with Sherman Hospital, Renz Center, Elgin Police Department, and CSHE. John Heiderscheidt shared he would like to get a copy of the flyer when it is available to share with the schools.

**11:50:** Coalition members completed election ballots for FY20. Gil Feliciano counted the ballots at the meeting. Jack Wheatley received 9 votes for President. Elisa Lara received 9 votes for Vice President. Jenny Wagner received 9 votes for Treasurer, but this position will be determined at a later date due to Jenny wanting more information about the position. Jessica Reed received 9 votes for secretary. Mark Whaley and Sherry Green received 9 votes each for at large. Tina Link received two write-in votes. Tina accepted the nomination. Jessica Reed motioned to approve Tina on to the board. John Heiderschiedt seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**11:55:** The floor was opened for discussion. Jack Wheatley asked for everyone to turn in their evaluations.

- Marija Hegel shared the health department is still looking for groups for the Reality IL-tobacco policy change grants, focusing on smoke-free parks. Elgin already has smoke-free parks, but South Elgin does not. There was some discussion about possibly approaching the student councils to work for smoke-free football stadiums and other outdoor school events, targeting the parents.
- Jack Wheatley shared an event that his church is doing on Sunday, 9/15, to highlight a pastor from Nepal.
- Gil Feliciano shared that at the October meeting, the Kane County Sheriff will be presenting "A Way Out" program.

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- Marija Hegel shared the Kane Health Counts Annual Symposium will be October 9 from 8:30-11:30am.

**12:00:** Meeting was adjourned

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