



Meeting Minutes - March 9, 2022

The meeting was **called to order** by CSHE President Jack Wheatley and DFC Director Gil Feliciano.

Present at the meeting were: Lorena Nunuez, Jack Wheatley, Gil Feliciano, Tina Link, Beverly Johnson, Bob Whitt, Shelley Mendiola, Jim Brunetti, Jessica Reed, Tracey Jakaitis, Kathe Pava, Cristina Colunga, Alissa Pienkowski.

February meeting minutes were approved by Cristina and seconded by Kathe Pava, all agreed.

Elgin Police Department (Shelley) presented **Overdose data** for last month. There were nine overdoses with two of them as fatal. Ages are between 21 – 50 years old. The suspected drug of overdose is mostly heroin for this month. Seeing less of the cocaine/fentanyl and more of the heroin/fentanyl being the bigger trend right now. Almost all had Narcan administered, and many had police leaving dose of Narcan with the family.

DFC grant report – Gil reported that the office officially moved to a new location at 164 Division St. Suite 50t, will do a virtual tour of the office at the next meeting. CSHE is all caught up on bills. Progress report was submitted with the next report due in August. Next podcast (season 2, episode 6) will be on March 18, 2022 with Mayor David Kaptain. Remainder of the meeting was focusing on the Action Plan.

Action Plan – items of highest priority are:

- 1. Provide training and/or coaching for the executive team on effective governance and best practices for a nonprofit**
 - a. Tina will reach out to Dan Fox (Elgin Area Leadership Academy) to see if this is possible
- 2. Strengthen the leadership of the coalition through specific training, team-building retreats and/or mentorship program**
 - a. Discussed options of having these during the weekday or weekend
 - b. Shelley mentioned possible options for location – will send information to Gil
 - c. Lorena and Bob W will also reach out to Gil with possible contact information
- 3. Question and Answer section in bilingual newspaper of parent questions about teen use of marijuana**
 - a. Jose (National Guard rep) will take the lead, needs others to help
 - b. Beverly and Tracey will provide information to Jose

Open Floor – Tracey may have someone who could be the social media representative. Gil will send job description information. Elgin Hispanic Network – Gil has spots for two members of CSHE to attend, if interested please contact Gil (all fees are taken care of). Tina will contact Karina from the City of Elgin to see what Elgin will be doing with the \$160,000 received from 2021 State of Illinois sales tax revenue in regards to Cannabis sales. Tracey mentioned that seven middle schools and one high school in District U-46 have already signed up for the Illinois Youth Survey!

Meeting was adjourned at 1131 a.m.