



Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2022

The meeting was **called to order** by CSHE President Jack Wheatley at 10:37 am.

Present at the meeting were: Jack Wheatley, Gil Feliciano, Tina Link, Bob Whitt, Kathe Pava, Chrystal Maxwell, Herb Stricklin, Tony Rigano, Andrea (Greater Family Health) and guest Rajan Nevapne.

Minutes – June 8th minutes were sent out. Motion to approve by Kathe, second by Tony. Correction was made to name – should be Craig Arnold (not Roberts). Minutes were approved by coalition.

Elgin Police Department – Tony presented **Overdose data** for June. There were seven overdoses with one of them as fatal (fatality was heroin w/methadone). Ages are between 24 -- 68 years old and five males and two females. Two prescription drug overdoses (fentanyl w/fillers). No youth in this latest data of overdoses. Not seeing as many cocaine w/ fentanyl as before, decreasing over the last 2-3 months.

DFC grant report – Gil reported the following items:

1. **Podcast** – Elisa Lara -Nurse from VNA – Season 2, Episode 10 – July 9th. All podcasts are audio/recorded about 20-30 minutes. Next edition is in August with former Renz Director Jerry Skogmo. Need content for September. If you have a topic/idea, please let Gil know.
2. **Reflejos** – Gil was approached by Reflejos to write a success story from the Latino community and how the Coalition has changed a person's life/family. Jonathan Miranda – youth member of CSHE, agreed to be interviewed. Elisa Lara interviewed him, Sgt. Lagunas used his video equipment and will edit/compose the video ,Gil will be creating the story from audio.
3. **Action Plan** – 32 items on the action plan, 7 completed, 10 are in progress and 15 left to **complete by September 29.**
4. **Marijuana Summit** – Gil and Tina attended the conference on June 28/29. Great information from across the country including presentations from Colorado, personal stories of how marijuana has affected families, etc.

Action Plan – items discussed:

1. **Community event promoting National Red Ribbon Week** – Jack has been in conversations with Young Marines and Boy Scouts, more to come.
2. **Execute a bottleneck hanger/sticker shock campaign at alcohol retailers** – Tony mentioned that Ecker already completed this back in May/June, they are planning another one. **Herb will see if CSHE can partner with Ecker for the upcoming events as Ecker is our fiscal agent, makes sense to collaborate and not duplicate.**
3. **Host alternative nights gatherings for youth at community -based locations with a cannabis prevention focus** – great response from the coalition to restart this event. Scheduled for Friday,



September 16th, 2022 from 6 – 9 p.m. at The Centre of Elgin Heritage Ballroom and West Conference room. Focus on middle schoolers, capacity is 125 kids. Mexican music will be the theme, same day as Mexican Independence Day. Dancing and activities. **Gil will send out sign up sheet for volunteers that are needed for the event.**

4. **Host a substance misuse prevention resource event for the community including professionals** – Tony (EPD) is already coordinating event for August 1st either at the Centre of Elgin or the library. Looking to have 15 mins presentations from Health Department, EPD, Greater Family Health, PreArrest Diversion program, CSHE. End with Narcan distribution/education.

Open Floor –

1. **CSHE Retreat** –Date will be August 10 from 10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.
2. **CADCA Mid-Year Training** – scheduled for July 17-21 in Orlando, FL. Tina Link and Tony Rigano will be attending this year’s training.
3. **Boys and Girls Club** - Chrystal mentioned they have many events that are happening over the next few months (farmers markets, festivals, Rock the River event, South Elgin campus opening), etc.
4. **Greater Family Health** – opening new facility in Franklin Park on July 25. Hiring at that location.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.