



*Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"*

# MINUTES

Wednesday, July 10, 2019 • 10:30-noon

Renz Center • 2 American Way • Elgin IL 60120

[CSHElgin.org](http://CSHElgin.org)

*Present: Carlos Camargo (Youth-Serving), Jared Erickson, Gil Feliciano, Keith Goins (Civic), Sherry Green (Parents), John Heiderscheidt (School), Tina Link (Healthcare), Kathe Pava (Healthcare), Jenny Wagner (Healthcare), Mark Whaley (Law Enforcement), Jack Wheatley (Faith-based), Lupe, Gabriela Baker, Deacon Dzierzawski and MaryAnn Wojton.*

*Absent: Berenice Bernal (Other), Carl Evans (Other), Marija Hegel (Government), Tia Juarez (Business), Elisa Lara (Healthcare), Kathy-Ann Pegues (School), Jessica Reed (Other), Michael Renner (National Guard), Christine Robledo (Other), Teresa Rubio (Healthcare), Frank Trost (Law Enforcement), Gabriela Vargas (Other).*

A regular meeting of the Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin (CSHE) came to order at 10:39am. President Vargas was not present and there being no current Vice President, Treasurer Wheatley led the meeting. Secretary Reed was absent so DFC Coordinator Gil Feliciano took the minutes.

Welcome and introductions were done.

Executive Committee Report included a lengthy discussion on the need to have all volunteers go through Renz' background check process which includes IL State Police and DCFS. It's free to the volunteer. Feliciano to send to current CSHE members and prior volunteers in preparation for Fall 2019's Club LITE. Camargo inquired if volunteers screened by a separate agency would need another screening. Heiderscheidt gave several examples used by School District U-46 which may be helpful including fingerprinting -- when (e.g. out of staff site), how long, follow-up, etc. -- and list of offense which excludes volunteering for school district -- no if convicted; he further suggested connecting with the PTO for volunteers. Executive Committee to reconvene and discuss policy, exceptions and process for volunteers working with minors.

Feliciano gave DFC Coordinator's report which included:

- June 25's Bottle Neck hangers event with Renz' L.E.A.D. summer camp students. Nine locations, 40 students and 1,100 hangers distributed.
- He and the Executive Director of Renz, Jerry Skogmo, met with Elgin City Mayor David Kaptain on June 26 and were able to secure a commitment for a Government Sector representative for the CSHE and placement on a September 2019 Council of the Whole meeting for a presentation on CSHE in general and the potential impact Illinois' recent legalization of marijuana on Elgin youth.
- PhotoVoice project currently has 4 of the projected 20 participants due by July 18th. Exhibition will be at Elgin Art Space from August 2-10th. Volunteer help needed for this project.

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



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- A brief discussion was had regarding the recent donation from the Chicago Citizens Alumni resulting in the consideration of using donation to further bolster current programming. Executive Committee to further delineate.
- The latest Drug-Free Communities National Evaluation report was released in June 2019 and a few key findings were shared from the Executive Summary. Report may be found at <http://bit.ly/2XwwGrw>.

Volunteers were sought and secured for 3 upcoming events: Greater Grace Community Church Fun Fest table (11-3), 8/17 Back to School BBQ Bash table (12-4) and 9/27 DNA's Farmer's market table (3-7).

Epiphany Consulting Services' Deacon Dzierzawski and MaryAnn Wojton gave an interactive presentation on who they are and what they will do for CSHE in their role as CSHE's evaluators emphasizing a model where improvement, coordination and sustainability will lead to celebration. They are in 75-80 communities (including McHenry and DuPage) in 20 different states working with Coalitions similar to CSHE. Contract with ECS and REACHing Software will run from June 2019 to September 2020.

Motion to adjourn was unanimously passed at 12:09pm