



*Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"*

# MINUTES

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 • 10:30-noon

Renz Center • 2 American Way • Elgin IL 60120

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**10:30:** The Vice President, Gabriela Vargas, called the meeting to order.

Self-Introductions were done by all attendees. In attendance, we had the following individuals: Elisa Lara, Jack Wheatley, Jessica Reed, Michael Renner, Jared Erickson, Carl Evans, Juan Camargo, Holly Klatt, Marija Maretic, Gabriela Vargas, David Meraz, Kathy-Ann Pegues, and Gil Feliciano.

**10:35:** Presentation: Hidden Paraphernalia

Jessica Reed, ATOD Prevention Specialist from Renz Center, gave a brief presentation summarizing the event Central High School in District 301 hosted called "Wake Up Call." Jessica shared that Renz Center's prevention team has purchased some of the paraphernalia to give bilingual presentations to parents and educate the community on how easily drug paraphernalia is accessible to youth.

**10:45:** Member Highlight: Hope For the Day

Carl Evans shared information on Hope for the Day, an organization that is dedicated to education, prevention, and fighting the stigma of silence in regards to mental health and suicide. They provide trainings for the community and recently opened Sip of Hope, a coffee shop in Chicago that provides funding for the organization along with a space to have open conversations about tough topics.

**11:05:** Minutes approval

Jack Wheatley made a motion to approve the January minutes. Elisa Lara seconded the motion. No one was opposed. Minutes were approved.

**11:00:** Executive Committee Report

There was no new report due to Gil Feliciano and the vice president, Gabi Vargas, being at CADCA. Jack Wheatley shared a quarterly financial report. The report looks very good, although there are a lot of activities planned that haven't been paid for yet and CADCA expenses were not included in this report.

**11:10:** Action Group Reports

Communication: Jared Erickson reported that the group has not met yet but he is hoping to meet soon. If anyone has ideas for an alcohol campaign, send them to Jared.

Community: Jack Wheatley reported that he will be scheduling a conference call for a Wednesday morning meeting. Currently, we are looking at the National Prevention Week Activity along with continuing to check how we can collaborate with other organizations.

Data: The National Guard is looking into implementing the Kaizen survey and has found some data to present. Currently, Michael shared he is working on causes of opioid use and misuse.

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Education: Gabriela Vargas shared that her group is working on a resource fair in May, along with beginning to reach out to schools.

Events: Juan Camargo reported Club LITe is next Friday, February 22 and adults volunteers are still needed. There was a discussion on how to best recruit volunteers, as we need to make sure the volunteers are credible.

Parental: No new report. Action items are complete. They may start working on a parent packet.

#### **11:15: DFC Coordinator Report**

Gil Feliciano shared a short video from CADCA regarding the Youth Advocate of the Year, who is from Stevenson High School. He also shared the Graduation Certificate he received from the National Coalition Academy. Gil shared the link for volunteering for Club LITe and informed the coalition that he has written several questions for candidates to respond to at forums. Gil encouraged CSHE members to think of additional questions and send them to him. Gil invited meeting attendees to one of two Naloxone/Narcan trainings, which will be held at Renz Center. Space is limited to the first 20 people who sign up. There is a Resource Fair in Hanover Park on April 6 along with the Resource Fair May 18 that CSHE is collaborating on. If anyone wants to host a table, talk to Gil. Gil shared he also had reached out to Bridge Builders ministers group to potentially collaborate with them for a statement regarding marijuana and legalization/commercialization. Finally, Gil shared he is working on updating a teen volunteer opportunities brochure for Elgin and requesting CSHE members to let him if they have any volunteer opportunities for teens they want included.

#### **11:40: Open Floor**

Gabriela Vargas shared that she is hosting support groups at Sherman Hospitals on Saturdays for survivors of suicide. She will send the flyer to Gil to distribute.

Youth Leadership Academy is looking for mentors for next year. The only requirement is to have a college degree and the commitment is for 20 Saturdays from August-May. Kathy-Anne is hoping to fill these positions by May.

#### **11:40: Evaluations and Gabriela Vargas calls meeting to a close.**