



*Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"*

# MINUTES

Wednesday, August 14, 2019 • 10:30-noon

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**10:30:** The Treasurer, Jack Wheatley, called the meeting to order. President Vargas was not present and there being no current Vice President, Treasurer Wheatley led the meeting.

Self-Introductions were done by all attendees. In attendance, we had the following individuals: Jared Erickson, Elisa Lara, Tina Link, Jessica Reed, Michael Renner, Mark Whaley, Sherry Green, Kathe Pava, Marija Hegel, Tia Juarez, Jack Wheatley, Gil Feliciano, and Sgt. Eileen Lacey with the National Guard.

**10:40:** The National Guard Counterdrug Task Force conducted the Coalition Kaizen Assessment. This assessment measures a coalition's ability to implement the essential processes used in the Strategic Prevention Framework and helps the coalition improve its work.

**11:15:** The minutes from the July 2019 meeting were presented. Kathe Pava made a motion to accept the July minutes. Tina Link seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

**11:20:** Jack Wheatley presented the Executive Committee Report. The Executive Committee has been working on the structure of the coalition, including the bylaws, commitment from members, and sustainability. Jack asked for everyone to send feedback to Gil to compile information regarding everyone's opinions about the action groups. CSHE has tried several different methods to divide up the tasks but needs member input to make it smoother and more efficient.

**11:25:** Gil Feliciano presented the DFC Coordinator Report. Gil shared information regarding the CADCA Mid-Year conference, including how CSHE should have more youth involvement. Gil also shared photos from the FunFest at Greater Grace Community Church (CSHE Member), the McDonalds vs. Elgin Police Softball Game (both CSHE Members), the PhotoVoice project that was held downtown Elgin featuring youth from Elgin, and the Narcan Trainings that occurred last night. This included the first Spanish Narcan Training in Kane County.

**11:30:** Volunteers were sought and secured for the upcoming Back to School BBQ on August 17 from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Volunteers were also sought and secured for the Farmer's Market table on September 27, from 3:00pm-7:00pm.

**11:35:** Gil brought up the possibility of bringing a motivational youth speaker, David Edward Garcia, to Larsen Middle School in September. Due to the cost and having presentations done at the end of last school year, CSHE's input was needed. Jack motioned to approve bringing the speaker, with the stipulation that Larsen Middle School participate in some sort of evaluation after the presentation for all students, along with participating in the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) 2020. The ideal time would be to push the assembly into October or November, so it is completed during a new fiscal year for the coalition, but

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it is okay for the speaker to come in September if the stipulations are met. **Motion** was unanimously passed (Jessica Reed, secretary, abstained from the vote).

**11:50:** The floor was opened for discussion/agency announcements.

- Marija Hegel (Kane County Health Department) shared that the health department has grants available to school districts to address school policies regarding tobacco use, e-cigarettes, and prevention. U-46 has applied and received the grant, so Marija will keep the coalition updated with progress from those upcoming meetings.
- Marija also shared there are youth group grants that will be available soon for the topic of Smoke Free Parks. Elgin already has passed this, but the \$5,000 grants will be available to any group in Kane County to receive training on policy change.
- The topic of the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) was discussed. The IYS provides vital data to the community. The topic has come up several times in various meetings, so everyone is encouraged to discuss how important it is whenever they have the possibility.

**12:00:** Motion to adjourn was unanimously passed.

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