



Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"

MINUTES

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 • 10:30-noon
Renz Center • 2 American Way • Elgin IL 60120

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10:35: The president, Jack Wheatley, called the meeting to order. Self-introductions were done by all attendees. In attendance, we had the following individuals: Bernie Bajak (Law Enforcement), Cristina Colunga (Parents), Ricardo Gasca (Staff), Tina Link (Healthcare), Jack Wheatley (Faith-Based), Jared Erickson (Staff), Dianna Manjarrez (Healthcare), Mel Relier-Anderson (Government), John Heiderschedit (School), and Gil Feliciano (Staff).

10:40: Jack Wheatley asked members to review the minutes. John liked how the sectors were labeled so it was easier to know where people are from. Tina made a motion to have sectors on the minutes. Dianna second the motion. A vote was taken and passed. Tina made a motion to approve January minutes. Dianna second motion. Vote was taken and motion passed.

10:45: Tina and Jack gave a brief recap on their trip to CADCA, Sustainability and youth were some key components when they were in D.C. Relationship building is key as well. Jack's takeaway is that the coalition is necessary, noble, and neat.

11:00: Tina Link gave a presentation on what our coalition is and what we do. Tina mentioned our goals, and our grants so the other members could be informed. Bernie mentioned ways and ideas to get the youth more involved. John talked about students (approx. 1,500) in school who are high risk.

11:30: Gil Feliciano shared a coordinator report, which covered the CADCA conference. Gil's takes. Relationship between marijuana, tobacco, alcohol, and how they are related. Gil also proposed the question on sustainability. "Would Elgin be okay without the coalition?"

11:40: John shared data about students who are missing days and failing classes. "The numbers are not getting better." Tina asked John, and he agreed, for a warm handoff with principals so that we can help or give things needed to school clubs that are part of anti-drugs, etc. 1,186 students have missed 34 days on average and failing 9 classes per year.

11:50: Jack introduced the new Executive Director of Renz. Deb Howe.

12:00: Meeting was adjourned. Attendees completed their evaluations.

Submitted by Jared Erickson

MISSION - Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin:

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