



*Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"*

# MINUTES

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 • 10:30-noon  
via Zoom

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President, Jack Wheatley (Faith-Base), called the meeting to order at 10:41 am. Also present: Kathe Pava (Healthcare), Jack Bernie Bajak (Enforcement), Jared Erickson (staff), Gil Feliciano (staff), Sara Contreras (Guest), Lorena Nuñez (Healthcare), Jessica Reed (Other).

A motion was made, which was unanimously, passed that the Consent Agenda consisting of 2-10-21 Agenda, 12-1-20 Executive Committee Notes, 1-5-21 Executive Committee Notes, 1-13-20 CSHE Minutes, Action Plan Activity sheet, Podcast announcement be approved.

Executive Committee (Wheatley). Seeking ways to encourage members especially as they work through their action items. CADCA training was great and engaging. Two of the three current Executive Committee members work in healthcare and with COVID-19 it has created challenges.

Drug Free Communities (Feliciano). Announcement of new CSHE Podcast called Encouraging Conversation which is available on iTunes, Google Podcasts, Spotify and other platforms. Episodes will also be available on our website. A tech firm in Schaumburg, through a Club LITE volunteer, has graciously offered a large office furniture donation which CSHE accepted. 2021 CADCA Leadership Forum and SAMHSA's Prevention Day was summarized including over 80 workshops attended by CSHE participants Lara, Link, Wheatley, Erickson and Feliciano. Cost was \$2,175 for all. Over 3,000 individuals attended this year's virtual conference. The coalition's bi-annual Progress Report to the CDC is due this Friday at midnight with Feliciano and Erickson working on it. There is an upcoming IL Coalitions Meeting for all thirty-something coalitions in the State. Input was sought from members as to whether or not to apply for CDC's CARA Grant (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Local Drug Crisis Grant) which seeks to focus on preventing and reducing local opioid, methamphetamine, and/or prescription drug use/misuse among youth ages 12-18. It is due 4-1-21 and would provide 50k per year for 5 years providing we meet the criteria. Feliciano will keep the coalition posted.

Sgt. Bajak's gave a brief update including an investigation, a denied search warrant involving a secured eviction from the Crime Free housing unit but nevertheless got a lot of felonies as a result. Gun/drugs buying continues and more personnel needed. COVID-19 affecting academies as well. Probably not getting another detective in the foreseeable future. Crime likely to go up. There's an average of 120 something cases annually. Jail releases/bonds increasing potentially resulting in repeated offenses.

Social Media Plan (Erickson). Erickson posted a quick survey on members thoughts regarding meeting in-person v. virtual. Short one-minute video to begin. Goal to increase followers, conversation and provide information. Podcast going well so far. Recent Facebook Live was conducted recently with more to come; members were invited to participate. Members were encouraged to share information with CSHE so we can share with followers - this includes anything in members' respective organization/agency.

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

Action Plan review. Tabled.

Open Floor.

-Greater Grace Community Church continues Wednesday Bible studies and services on Sunday. Every first week of the month there are community luncheons.

-Ecker Center's Alcohol Prevention Campaign ready to be launched in schools, social media and in the community in general.

-Greater Elgin Area Family Care Center. COVID-19 vaccine now available if qualified. Available to insured and uninsured. Been very busy.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 am