



Vision Statement "A safe and healthy community"

MINUTES

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

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DFC Project Director Gil Feliciano called the meeting to order at 10:31 am. Also present: Kathe Pava (Healthcare), Bernie Bajak (Enforcement), Jared Erickson (staff), Gil Feliciano (staff), Lorena Nuñez (Healthcare), Jessica Reed (Other), Tina Link (Healthcare), Jenny Wagner (Other), Matt Undelhoven (Enforcement), Cristina Colunga (Parents), Beverly Johnson (Other), Carrie Schneider (Youth-Serving), Bob Whitt (Government).

A motion was made, which unanimously passed, that the Consent Agenda consisting of 3-10-21 Agenda, 2-10-21 CSHE Minutes, 3-2-21 Executive Committee Notes, Action Plan Activity sheet be approved.

A presentation was made by Jim Brunetti of the Ecker Center for Behavioral Health on Current Trends in Substance Use.

Executive Committee (Link) report. Feliciano noted items traditionally addressed will be mostly addressed by CSHE's entire membership because of the low number of Executive Members (three) and that two out of the three are in healthcare resulting in difficulty meeting because of their COVID-19-related work.

Drug Free Communities (Feliciano) report. There was general agreement among members to re-institute youth events (e.g. PhotoVoice) providing State's COVID-19 guidelines are followed. Jenny Wagner expressed an interest in teaming with Feliciano for Week 3 of this year's National Coalition Academy. Wagner expressed an interest. A short video recapping this year's CADCA forum was shown. An invitation was extended to members to attend this year's CADCA Mid-Year Training with registration fees paid for by the coalition. Feliciano to share invite via e-blast to members.

Bi-monthly Elgin Police Drug Unit (Bajak) report. EPD's drug unit is back to normal operations. 100% staffed. Several still going through academy process. Lots of work still to be done. City cannabis ordinance will make access easier resulting in more difficulty for the drug unit and the coalition and its work in the community. It's easier for youth to access cannabis than alcohol. In responding to Link's inquiry about the potential harm to youth from edibles. Overdose/death not likely but harm is probable. Bajak referred to medical resources for more accurate information. Reed stated although death not likely consumption of large amounts of edibles would likely send a youth to the hospital. Bajak stated companies not allowed to market to children but not enforced by local law enforcement. Colunga inquired about meaning of proactive policing. Bajak stated it covers use of force for arrest immediately vs. waiting for another time. Discussions include the ability/inability to use body cam footage for reports and its potential to be a trap for officers. Bajak further noted the future of law enforcement and the potential for 65% of police officers looking for different work due to many factors including new restrictive laws and unfunded mandates from governing bodies.

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.

Social Media Plan (Erickson). Main goal is to engage youth. Social media plan includes a 222% increase in people reached in past month. Post engagements increased by 30% since Feb 9, 2021. Page likes increase by 23 (i.e. 630% increase). Suggestions for posts always welcomed by Erickson.

Kahoot on Prevention Knowledge. Reed led the membership through a Kahoot to help gauge the level of prevention knowledge by members. Results to be shared at a later date.

Open Floor.

-Nuñez gave an update on Greater Elgin Family Care Center activities in general and COVID-19 specifically. Additionally, a Peer recovery support specialist has been hired to be part of MAT (medication assisted treatment) program who will be working one on one with recovery as well as groups. More information, including flyer, to be shared at a later date.

-Wagner shared a detox residential program has been giving the green light and will share with membership when fully up and functional.

-Reed shared Ecker is currently in a communications campaign in the school supporting prevention and addressing alcohol and vaping. Flyers to be sent to Link and made available to all members.

Erickson reminded everyone to take the post-meeting survey and placed the link in the Zoom chat.

Feliciano reminded everyone to subscribe to CSHE's podcast.

Action Items (Wheatley)/breakout rooms. Tabled.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm