



MINUTES

Wednesday, April 14, 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: Bernie Bajak (Enforcement), Jared Erickson (staff), Gil Feliciano (staff), Lorena Nuñez (Healthcare), Jessica Reed (Other), Jenny Wagner (Other), Matt Undelhoven (Enforcement), Beverly Johnson (Other), Carrie Schneider (Youth-Serving), Bob Whitt (Government), Jack Wheatley (faith-based).

A presentation was made by Liz Moe Garcia, CDO of The Boys and Girls Club of Elgin presented on the organization and its activities - of note were their Passport to Manhood, Raise Your Voice, and Career Launch programs . Liz fielded questions afterwards - great exchange. Liz's contact information is egarcra@bgcelgin.org. Her phone number is 630-673-3745.

A motion was made, which unanimously passed, that the consent agenda consisting of the 4-14-21 Agenda, 3-10-21 CSHE Minutes; Action Plan Activity, and drug take back advertisement sheet be approved.

Gil Feliciano presented and asked that the coalition participate in a SWOT analysis: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Our main strengths were broad representation and dedication. Weakness was community exposure. Threats were Covid challenges, space and what U-46 was to do in the future in regards to Covid response.

Jack Wheatley, president of CSHE, presented the executive committee report whereby he expressed that good progress was made on financial reporting from Ecker Center who is our fiscal agent. Additionally, he reported that CSHE she was in a good financial position as we were funded for the next five years and we have a good magnitude of current year grant monies available for use for the coalition.

Drug Free Communities (Feliciano) report. There's a great opportunity for youth involvement in the photo voice project which says she will do in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Behavioral Health with their Focus initiative; it'll have an emphasis on gambling and it's connection to substance misuse. Gil gave a shout out to Christina Colunga and Linda Siete who received nominations for an important award. A call to participate in CADCA Mid-Year was made as this year's midyear will be virtual and there is plenty of room in the budget for participants. Also Gil talked about the drug take back date to happen on Sat 4/24 from 10-2 at two location: sherman hospital and elgin city hall.

Law enforcement report. Sargeant Bajak gave a report on how law enforcement has observed a big increase in the volume of fentanyl being imported into the area. Additionally he noted there has been a significant increase in the meth usage in Elgin. Also shared was that EPD is understaffed currently and there are challenges in getting fully staffed as the police academy is still having difficulties training officers during the Covid pandemic.

Social Media Plan (Erickson). Main goal is to engage youth. Suggestions for posts always welcomed by Erickson. Erickson has seen an increase the volume of comments in both platforms of Instagram and Facebook.

Open Floor.

Jack Wheatley shared about the ride for Jesus event which will be happening on May 22 with assistance and participation from area churches as well as escort by the Elgin Police Department. More information can be seen at elginareamarchforjesus.com.

Action Items (Wheatley)/breakout rooms. Two Breakout rooms were made and 10 minutes dedicated to talk about action items #15 and #24 on the action plan

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.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55pm

Submitted by Jack Wheatley