

Partnership for Drug-Free Communities Minutes
June 27, 2018
10:00-11:30 a.m. Anderson Hospital, Education Classrooms

Caroline Reynolds began the meeting with a welcome and asked for brief introductions from participants.

Current Business:

Caroline reported we continue to accept Letters of Commitment from both individuals and organizations. The intent of the commitment letter is to determine who partners are and to provide some structure for voting on future issues.

The website is up- partnershipdrugfree.org. Please take a look at it and provide any feedback to Kristin or Chris Hoell. There is a monthly hosting fee for regular, ongoing maintenance of the site. By a show of hands, twelve organizations are interested in assisting with the monthly hosting fee. The Executive Committee will discuss potential opportunities and draft beginning guidelines for sponsorship of the hosting fee at the July Executive Committee meeting. A media event was discussed with Tom Gibbons taking a lead in getting media involved with a potential date the week after July 4th holiday.

Guest Speakers-Talking Prevention was the focus of the presentations by Kristin Grant, Chestnut Health Systems and Denise Strehlow, BJC School Outreach and Youth Development. Some of the important points included:

- Education and awareness are part of Primary Prevention also called Universal Prevention.
- Providing education to help youth make the choice to not use or misuse any substance is critical to their future health and academic success.
- Chestnut provides programs free of charge to schools through a federal grant; the program is 13 weeks and customized to the needs of the schools; BJC School Outreach provides programs free of charge to schools through funding from the Alton Memorial Hospital Foundation; some schools pay a minimal fee for some programs based on the percentage of free or reduced lunch in their school.
- Powerpoint presentations available and attached to the minutes

Workgroup updates:

Education and Prevention- Kristin Grant and Jessica Duft provided the update.

- Brochures and posters with resources are available for dissemination to community locations. The posters are intended to be placed in locations where someone may see them and pick them up discreetly if they or someone they know needs substance use/misuse resources. For example, restrooms, gas stations, faith based organizations and laundromat.
- Short survey was created by the workgroup to assess the needs of the senior population. Anticipate distribution of the survey in August 2018.
- Last month, a form was developed to assist in the creation of a speaker's bureau for the Partnership. The form was revised with input from meeting participants and sent to the email list. The form will be distributed again in July and available at the August meeting. The intent of the speaker's bureau is to share resources on a various topics without duplicating efforts.
- **The next meeting is immediately following the August 22 Partnership meeting 11:30-12:30.**

Treatment and Recovery Supports- Allison Donoho provided the update.

- As mentioned above in the Education and Prevention update, the posters with resource tear offs are printed and ready for distribution. Please pick some up in the back of the room. Posters were printed with funding from a memorial fund. When you disseminate the posters or the brochures, please email the locations to treatmentandrecoveryworkgroup@gmail.com or the PartnershipDrugFreeCommunities@gmail.com
- The support group list continues to grow with new groups added as needed.
- **There is no July meeting. The next meeting will be August 14 at noon at Chestnut, Maryville location.** Join us and bring your lunch.

Law Enforcement- Tom Gibbons

- The workgroup is working on identifying goals with one goal of increasing law enforcement participation in the Partnership for Drug-Free Communities and continued collaboration between law enforcement and the other workgroups.
- One challenge of law enforcement is reaching the providers who may be overprescribing opiates to their patients and the best way to work with the providers and hospitals.
- **The next meetings are July 20 at noon at Madison County State's Attorney office over lunch and August 15 at noon at Madison County State's Attorney office over lunch. Contact Tayleur at tablaylock@co.madison.il.us for information.**

Noted importance:

There is an opportunity for hospitals and providers to work together with law enforcement to be a part of the solution. Anderson Hospital's medical director focuses on appropriate prescription guidelines in articles as well as presentations to providers. HOPE is a collaboration between Alton Memorial Hospital and St. Anthony's to address the opiate crisis, prescribing guidelines and education.

Announcements and Other updates-

July 10 and July 12- Free CEU Webinar on Vaping: Understanding the Dangers and Culture of America's Fastest Growing Trend; contact Nancy Davis at nxdavis@gatewayfoundation.org or 618-319-2065 or go to recovergateway.org to register

July 19-Amy Yeager mentioned the Medical Reserve Corp will provide a training for volunteers. One component of the training will be asking for assistance in disseminating the posters and brochures created by the Treatment and Recovery workgroup mentioned earlier in the minutes.

August 7- Edwardsville National Night Out event at City Park, Edwardsville starting at 5:30. Open to the public for children and families; bounce houses, ice cream, hot dogs along with police and fire department personnel and military vehicles.

Next Meetings:

No July meeting

Wednesday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland, IL in the Ungacta Conference Room. This is a temporary relocation.

If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know. Denise Strehlow at denise.strehlow@bjc.org or 314-580-3767.