



August 23, 2023 Meeting Minutes Hybrid Meeting (IDOT and Zoom)

The meeting began with a welcome to all participants in person and on zoom. We have a presentation today by Richard File and then he will introduce the edits to the mission, vision and tag line for the Strategic Planning Workgroup. There were 42 people in attendance.

Guest Speaker

Ssg Richard File, Investigative Case Support Analyst, Illinois National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit presented on Drug Recognition. He provided an overview of a variety of drug classes, drug side effects, impacts and what he currently sees in his work. His presentation was adapted from his work with corrections officers and community coalitions. The PowerPoint will be distributed along with the minutes.

Many thanks to Richard for the presentation and for bringing his new camera.

General Business:

Richard introduced the edits to the mission, vision and tag line-these were emailed to all on the Partnership email list prior to the meeting. The Strategic Planning Workgroup formerly the Strategic Prevention Framework Workgroup began reviewing the membership commitment letter which led to a review of the mission, vision and tag line. **At the Partnership meeting in September, a vote will be taken on the adoption of the mission, vision and tag line. Please them prior to the meeting.**

Emily Won, Madison County Health Department provided an update on the overdose deaths in Quarter 2 in Madison County. The Madison County Health Department and the Madison County Coroner have joined forces to offer quarterly data, recognizing the significance of overdose death data in comprehending and tackling the ongoing public health crisis associated with substance abuse. This data is highly valuable as it provides crucial insights into the frequency and patterns of drug overdoses, aiding in developing prevention strategies and treatment interventions.

A brief discussion followed about what is currently being seen in the community and the importance of sharing information with others. This will continue at the next meeting.

Announcements:

Ed Tweston, a long time Partnership member, passed away in August. He volunteered his time as a member of the Knights of Columbus to present education about substance use/misuse to schools in Madison County. Ed's passion for youth and education was evident in his many years of service. Ed's family asked for contributions in his memory to be donated to the Partnership for Drug-Free Communities. Any donations received will be used in ways to support his passion for youth.

Reminders

Next Meeting: September 27 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and the top will be Drug Court presented by Judge Napp. The meeting will be hybrid with the in-person meeting at Illinois Department of Transportation/Illinois Stat Police Headquarters, Collinsville, IL. If there are any additions or corrections, please let me know. Denise Strehlow at denise.strehlow@bjc.org or 314-580-8713.