



Our vision is a culture of drug free youth in North Texas.

Minutes

June 20, 2017

Welcome and Introductions

Lance Koppa

Present: Rocio Anguiano (USAO), Monica Belen (CFGC), June Deibel (The Council), Jorge Estrada (DPD Community Affairs), Patricia Gaffney (NSC), Sharon Goldblatt (TST), Karyn Kellbough (The Council), Lance Koppa (HPDPS), Tuyet Lujan (The Council), Jacqueline Jackson (Dallas Challenge), Dan Worley (BSW Red), Ruthlen Robles (Dallas PD), Philip Van Guilder (CASA Palmera), Chaslyn Stokes (Dallas CASA), Lizbeth Petty (NTX Poison Control), Kathy Prial (CARE Dallas), Haley Gleeson (The Council), Kim-Cuong Than (MOSIAC), Veronica Moore (U.S. Dept. HHS), Amanda Beamon (MOSIAC), Helen Dalac (City of Dallas), Haydee Hall (UTA), Agapito Chavez (DPR), Claudia Carballal, and Debbie Meripolski (The Council)

Coordinator Update (Debbie Meripolski):

- The Council has found someone who we believe is a really good match but Debbie cannot disclose who he/she is because he/she needs to be approved by SAMHSA. As soon as Debbie is able to disclose, she will let the coalition know. The same goes for the Director of Prevention Programs at The Council.

Member Spotlight (Texans Standing Tall):

- Sharon Goldblatt presented on Texans Standing Tall (TST), Sharon currently serves as the TST Board President. The mission of TST is to create healthy communities. They were founded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and originally administered by the American Medical Assoc. Their original focus was underage drinking. In 2004, they expanded their grant to include alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. In 2005, they received the DFC support. Today, they are the only 1 of the 6 original coalitions still active. They exist as the only statewide coalition whose primary goal is to prevent underage alcohol use and works to make sure they are using evidence based community change strategies. Some programs and services include Zero Alcohol for Youth Campaign: a youth led, adult focused community wide campaign to address underage alcohol drinking across TX, higher education initiatives focused on prevention of alcohol and tobacco use by college students, and promote strategies that increase awareness and implementation of evidence based prevention strategies. They also have a Youth Leadership Council (YLC) that includes Texas high school and college students ages 16-20, who are passionate about reduction of underage drinking. They serve one term, attend a minimum of one retreat and the TST summit in Austin where they help plan and present. TST also has trainings that include coalition building, strategy planning, recruiting and sustaining members, and media advocacy. TST also publishes annual report cards that provide info on emerging

trends, and strategic planning framework(s). Events TST hosts include: TST Statewide Summit, regional forums, trainings, and webinars. TST is the source for info about emerging trends and issues affecting Texas youth and community. They also have a separate excise tax coalition and information about that coalition can be found at dimeadrinktx.org. For more information about TST, their website is texansstandingtall.org

June and Trish talked about their time at the TST Summit as well. Trish was impressed by the YLC testifying before Texas legislators against powdered alcohol where a YLC member demonstrated about how many packets she could fit in her purse, pulling out 48 packets from her cosmetic bag. If you would like to nominate someone for the YLC, June can send you the link for nominations along with Sharon's contact.

Work Group Breakouts

- Epidemiology (Data) Karyn Kellbough
 - Surveys: Karyn has been speaking with people at Dallas ISD about administrating surveys to 11 schools across the district. Her primary contact will be sending a 'top-down' memo to the district to anticipate the surveys. DISD is excited about getting the data. The goal is to get the surveys out by this fall: she would like the research proposal out by Aug. 9th and would to be approved by the start of the school year. The hope is that the surveys will be administered the first week in Oct. It has been 3 years since the last district-wide survey was administered. She will need some help to contact the 11 schools chosen for the surveys.

- Law Enforcement Lance Koppa
 - Tack Back Locations: The DEA may not appear to endorse any one organization/business meaning, so the coalition may no longer host the Take Back at Walgreen locations. New locations are currently being discussed and some ideas were fire stations, community colleges or schools.
 - TCOLE: Working on the TCOLE hours for Ahead of the Curve.
 - Lisa Sullivan: Lisa from the DEA emailed Lance telling him that Tack Back locations should not be doing any sort of 'drive-thrus' to gather medications.

- Prevention/Education Debbie Meripolski
 - Prescription Drug Misuse Prevention Town Hall: Debbie presented the coalition with the flyer for the Town Hall meeting and asks coalition members to share it, as well as promote the Town Hall to any community leaders. She needs a few volunteers but mainly asks the coalition members to attend if they can. The Town Hall will have no resource tables. Debbie will also be doing a press release and expects a few people from the press to be there. Those wanting to attend must register in advance to help with the seating count. The Town Hall will occur on July 14, 2017 at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital.
 - Community Forum: Last year there was a 'Back to School' Community Forum. Stacey and Debbie talked about it before Stacey left, and they both agreed that it might not be the best time to host another community forum in August. We are currently deciding when the next month will be but expect it to be Sept.-Nov. We will also need to decide on a new location as well; some where there is a need and where there is a walkable area to the venue. We are also considering potential

collaboration with another activity and/or organization.

- Workgroup Chair: Prevention/Education subcommittee needed a chair and Tuyet Lujan will now be the chair.
- Ahead of the Curve: 158 people attended the event and it was well received. All the presenters were interactive. Evaluations were really good. CEUs were offered. The flow was great and there were no issues.

Other Business

Announcements

- Stop Violence Conference is Sept. 19th-21st at the Hilton Hotel in Ft. Worth, TX.
- Let's Talk is July 27 and is for 10-15 y/o at the Winspear Opera House. If you know a child interested, they will need to register.
- **No meeting in July.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:51 PM.

Notes taken by Tuyet Lujan