



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

Minutes

August 15, 2017

Members Present: (name and affiliation)

Welcome and Introductions

Lance Koppa

- Lance turned it over to Debbie to introduce Gary Cochran, the president of Texas Association of Addiction Professionals, Dallas Chapter (TAAP), who has helped us get this meeting space. Gary spoke about TAAP, which has different chapters throughout the state, Dallas having the largest chapter. TAAP is a collection of individuals caring for people in addiction and recovery, who serve as a strong support group for each other through their services and collaborations. "Serving people who serve people" – Dallas TAAP meets in this building the first Wednesday of each month 11:30-1:30, and Gary has invited our members to come to any of their meetings.
- Debbie also introduced Becky Tinney, the new Community Prevention Coordinator for The Council, who will be working with DADPP, filling the position held previously by Mikeisha and Elizabeth.
- Debbie also introduced Victor Cheatham, the new Director of Prevention Programs at The Council, who could not be here today. He is filling the position previously held by Stacey Davis.

Texas Behavioral Health Institute (TBHI) Review (Becky Tinney):

- Becky talked about the recent coalition summit at TBHI. The summit addressed shifting focus from individual changes to community based changes, and the importance of changing student/peer norms. Using this, the coalition should think about how we can revamp the ways we communicate and get our messages out to the community, and how we can improve collaboration and utilize the great resources and members we have.

Work Group Breakouts

▪ **Epidemiology (Data)**

Karyn Kelbaugh, Jon Soffley

- Jon: We are continuing to work on getting our survey out to Dallas ISD. Jon cannot actively participate because he works for Dallas ISD and is therefore a conflict of interest. The data group will be completing our partnership agreement for the survey and June will be taking the lead for finalizing the current template following this meeting. The IRB forms are almost complete and will be ready to go out soon so the school agreement process can proceed. The partnership agreement for DISD is expected to be done in the next week, in collaboration with Karyn. No student information will be collected and students are free to decline participation. DISD wants to rebuild their relationships with the Council and coalitions to expand the available data, and the Council will share the aggregated survey results with DISD.
- Veronica (HHSC): Not many school districts around the state are willing to partner with councils and coalitions for school surveys, and commends our coalition for getting this done.

▪ **Law Enforcement**

Lance Koppa

- Take Back Locations: Working through the details of our Take Back sites since Lisa from the DEA informed us that we can no longer use DEA registrants locations, such as Walgreens. New

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locations are currently being discussed and some ideas were senior centers, churches, schools, police sub stations, and fire houses. We are planning on having a pre-event detail so law enforcement knows the rules for take-back events and locations. Although the final locations are TBD, the event is planned for October 28th 10am-2pm.

- Lisa (DEA): Is able to send us information on which areas of the city have collected how many pounds of take back drugs.

▪ **Prevention/Education**

Debbie Meripolski

Community Activities: The prevention workgroup shaped their community activity plans around two main ideas: What are we going to do out in the communities to affect change? How can we collaborate to maximize these efforts? The workgroup talked about three specific activities. Red Ribbon Week, the 411 Drugs and Gangs Conference, and a fall community forum. The 411 Conference tentative date is October 3, at Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Red Ribbon is the last week in October and fulfilling the large number of requests for presentations is a challenge. Also, many schools have Red Ribbon activities that do not represent effective prevention practices. Kim suggested creating a package of material to give to school counselors that includes effective approaches and different resources with do's and don'ts and how to possibly distribute this information to ISDs beforehand. Also discussed were the community forum events, held a few times per year. Typically a back to school event is held in August but there were not sufficient resources this year to hold one. We are looking at holding a community forum event in November. Collection of non-perishable foods was used a couple of years ago during a Thanksgiving themed forum and may be considered again. Specific dates and location TBD, but we currently have an open request from a recreation center in Pleasant Grove. Kim suggested we consider holding a forum in Vickery Meadow where there is great need, but more time will be needed to plan due to the many languages spoken in this neighborhood. We may research this opportunity and consider it for a spring forum.

- Other Business

Looking Ahead:

- 411 Conference – Tentatively October 3rd, Scottish Rite Children's Hospital
- Power of Prevention Luncheon (Keynote: Michael Lohan) – October 27th
- Next DADPP Coalition Meeting – September 19th, 12700 Preston Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM.

Minutes taken by Haley Gleeson