



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

Minutes

September 19, 2017

Present:

Adam Moize (Addiction Campuses), Haley Gleeson (The Council), Kathy Prial (CARE Dallas), Helen Dulac (City of Dallas), Cristina Thomas (NTPC), Lizbeth Petty (NTPC), Ruthlen Robles (DPD Comm. Affairs), Annie Brewer (DPD Youth Outreach), Jorge Estrada (DPD Comm. Affairs), Sarah Drouin (AppleGate Recovery), Vickie Keifer (Dallas Challenge), Sharon Goldblatt (TST), Michelle Young (UTA CARS), Sherri Posey (Texas Scottish Rite), Jon Sofely (Dallas ISD PD), Armando Aguinage (Rainbow Days), Victor Cheatham (The Council), Gina Velez-Lopez (Dallas Challenge), Tuyet Lujan (The Council), Tammy Vaughn (MADD), Quenisha Bell (The Council), Veronica Moore (U.S. Dept. of HHS), Debbie Meripolski (The Council), and Philip Van Guilder (CASA).

Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Goldblatt

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day (Becky Tinney): National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 28th and Becky has asked coalition members to volunteer at a site. The coalition has 9 site locations: 5 in Dallas, 2 in Highland Park, 1 in Farmers Branch and 1 at Richland College. Ideally, there will be two volunteers per site. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Becky at btinney@dallascouncil.org.

Work Group Breakouts

- Epidemiology (Data) Jon Sofely
 - School Surveys: The coalition is currently still waiting on permission slips from 4 Dallas ISD schools. The survey will cover drug usage and student perceptions. This survey is conducted per contract requirements. The coalition is also still waiting for a CBA from Dallas ISD and the coalition survey.

- Law Enforcement Victor Cheatham
 - Drug Take Back: The workgroup talked about Drug Take Back Day and the proper disposable methods from DEA regulations. There will be a conference call held closer to the event to review volunteer duties and answer any questions the volunteers may have. Details will be sent via email.

- Prevention/Education Tuyet Lujan
 - 411 Gangs and Drugs Conference: The conference will be held on October 11th. The event flyer will be emailed to the coalition with directions on how to register. This info is also posted on the DADPP webpage. The conference will be free and hosted in partnership with Region 10. It will be

and all day event with ½ the day focused on drugs and the other ½ focused on gangs. It will be hosted at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital with a target audience of people involved the prevention field, adults, and counselors. We are currently taking a few vendors and if you're interested please let Tuyet know.

- Community Forum: We are in the process of finalizing a date for the event with Cedar Crest Salvation Army Community Center. We are aiming for a date in the early part of November. The theme will be Thanksgiving and we are hoping to provide some canned goods to those family in attendance so please be thinking about bringing those items to the next meeting. Updates will be sent out via email, and discussed at the October meeting.
- Drug Take Back Day: We were unable to get a list of locations put into the Dallas Water Bill for Drug Tack Back Day but our contact at with the City of Dallas was still able to put in a flyer advertising the event which includes the DADPP webpage where people will be able to find participating locations. They also agreed to promote it at their events between now and the time of the event.
- Social Media: Increasing the amount of activity on DADPP's social media pages will give our coalition more visibility, and our information will reach a wider audience.
- Red Ribbon Week: It was discussed that some coalition members felt that some schools don't properly explain the meaning behind Red Ribbon Week and instead use the week as more of a 'spirit week,' so the coalition would like some sort of toolkit to be able to hand out to schools that better explains the week and ideas of appropriate activities. Building the toolkit would be a great project for the coalition to work on together to provide more accurate information and resources to our DISD schools. We can make it our goal to have the tool kits ready for Red Ribbon Week 2018.

Other Business

- Look Ahead
 - 411 on Drugs and Gangs Conference October 11, 2017
 - Power of Prevention Luncheon October 27, 2017
 - National Prescription Drug Take Back Day October 28, 2017
 - Red Ribbon Week October 23-27, 2017
 - **Next DADPP Coalition Meeting** **October 17, 2017**

Announcements

- Veronica announced in honor of National Recovery Month, Dr. Jerome Adams will be hosting a live stream discussion about the opioid epidemic on Sept. 27th.

Notes:

Minutes taken by Tuyet Lujan.
