



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

Coalition Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2018

**Present:** Becky Tinney, June Deibel, Dow Croyle, Monica Belen, Victor Cheatham, Sharon Goldblatt, Armando Aguinaga, Jacqueline Jackson, Lizbeth Petty, Helen Dulac, Sherri Posey, Thelma Cager, Julia Hoskison, Noemy Leyva, Lance Koppa, Dan Worley, Kyle Pillans, Michelle Young, Patricia Gaffney, Cristina Thomas, Chaslyn Stokes, Catherin Ogie, Adriana Ibarra, Kathy O'Keefe, Mandress Drakes, Ruthilen Robles, Jorge Estrada, Tammy Vaughn, Philip Van Guilder.

**Call to order:** 2:05 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Staff Report:** Becky Tinney reported on her recent attendance at CADCA's National Leadership Forum held in Washington, D.C. This conference seeks to support and educate the many prevention coalitions around the U.S. and its territories. As she stated, much of the focus was on the opioid crisis and she wanted to bring back this reminder to the coalition members on how to make a difference in their own homes: 1) Do not share medications, no matter how innocent or 'helpful' it may seem. 2) Secure medications with some type of lock box, or locking cap, etc. 3) Safely dispose of unused or expired medications especially since National Drug Takeback Day is coming up in April.

Also, at CADCA, there were many panel discussions with other coalitions outlining what their successes have been. Becky will be bringing some of these ideas to the coalition in the coming months.

Another part of the conference was SAMHSA's Prevention Day and they provided ideas for National Prevention Week scheduled for May 13-19, 2018. This year's campaign is "Dear Future Me" where people can write letters to their future selves offering gratitude, advice, etc. Becky will send out a YouTube link with examples. Members are encouraged to think about their own letter and perhaps tell their 'future' self what they are doing now for the future. If members want to video themselves reading their letters, she'd like to share them on Facebook or during presentations.

Capitol Hill Day was another event during this week where prevention professionals had the opportunity to meet with their senators/representatives. ALOUD and DADPP joined other Texas coalitions in meeting with staff members from Senator John Cornyn's office and from Senator Ted Cruz' office. They were updated on prevention efforts in Texas as well as an encouragement to continue (or even increase) the funding available to coalitions. Discussions were also held about powdered alcohol and the alcohol excise tax.

## **Workgroups:**

- **Law Enforcement** – the focus was on the upcoming DEA's Prescription Drug Take Back Day scheduled for April 28, 2018. Locations were discussed since DADPP needs to have ten sites and only eight are available from last September. DISD Police will be assisting in staffing where needed.
- **Prevention Education:**

The Thomas Jefferson High School Street Team has scheduled a community forum for April 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Their focus will be on changing the stigma that seems to exist among some parents/community members and even students of the feeder schools. They are calling this event “TJ Showcase” and will involve all teams and clubs. They are also reaching out to alumni for their participation. The art department is designing the flyers and any handouts, etc. Volunteers and sponsors may be needed.

Ahead of the Curve is a spring conference which is open to everyone not just professionals needing CEU's. Each year is a new theme and last year it was suggested that the conference focus on the family element of addiction in the home (i.e. child with addicted parent or parent with child). The date has not been confirmed but it is tentatively scheduled for the week before Memorial Day.

- **Data:**

Currently the data workgroup is tying up loose ends from the recent DISD Youth Behavior and Belief Survey which was given to students from eleven high schools. It has been lots of hard work and coordination. The data envelopes are still being collected but as soon as these are all received, Karyn will analyze and a report can be generated.

## **Announcements:**

BuzzFree PROMises Dress & Suit Giveaway is scheduled for March 24, 2018. Volunteers and attendees needed.

Chief on the Beat is scheduled for March 10, 2018. There will be a community walk with clean-up happening right before it begins. There will also be stations for community members to dispose of their grease, batteries and even have documents shredded.

Phil Van Guilder announced that it was Eating Disorder Month and asked the coalition to participate in an impromptu ‘shout-out’ video.

Next meeting is March 20, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.