

Dallas Area Drug Prevention Partnership
Coalition Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018

Present: Becky Tinney, June Deibel, Sharon Goldblatt, Lance Koppa, Carolina Ordonez, Gina Velez-Lopez, Stacie Brooke, Cristina Thomas, Veronica Moore, Mandrell Drakes, Jon Sofley, Ruthilen Robles, Dow Croyle, Jerry Sutterfield, Tammy Vaughn, Phil Van Guilder, Debbie Meripolski, Jessica Judd, Katie Moreno, Matilda Rios, Kimberly Hackley, Patricia Gaffney, Keith Hennard, Helen Dulac, Monica Belen

Call to order: 2:03 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Staff Report: Becky Tinney spoke about yesterday's release of the President's Initiative to Stop Opioid Abuse and provided copies to the coalition.

Becky reminded everyone that the DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back Day was coming up on April 28. There will be eleven locations this year, thanks to lots of collaboration with Dallas Police and DISD Police to secure locations and manpower. It will be a drive-through initiative, with giveaway bags given to participants who bring medications to drop in the boxes.

Due to the number of new attendees, Becky went over the various workgroups and their focus before the breakout time.

Workgroups:

- **Data:** Jon Sofley reported about the DISD survey that was recently completed. The goal was to get back at least 591 surveys and they got close with 518 actually received. Karyn (the evaluator) has all the surveys and is looking forward to analyzing the results. In addition, she would like to get feedback from those in the coalition that worked on this project – specifically about the survey implementation and the process of working with the schools. There were some challenges and feedback is needed in order to avoid any problems in the future.

The Drug Impact Index is expected to be completed sometime this summer. More info to come.

The Coalition Survey should be provided to all coalition members in April for their completion/feedback.

- **Law Enforcement:** Lance Koppa reported about a need for volunteers at the eleven takeback locations on April 28 and encouraged everyone to sign up. One of the locations is at DPD's Chief on the Beat, a community/resource event. Volunteers are needed to distribute posters and flyers in the weeks leading up to the takeback day in the communities surrounding each location. A discussion ensued about why the takebacks

were not being held at Walgreens as in previous years. The response was that the DEA did not want to use any commercial location because it might appear that they were 'endorsing' a business. Cristina Thomas (Poison Control) announced that there would also be six Parkland clinics that were also doing a takeback event on that day.

- Prevention: Becky announced that there was a need for a chairperson for this workgroup. Please let her know if you are interested.

The street team at Thomas Jefferson has set a date for an event they are calling the TJ Showcase. The purpose is to show the community the positive things they are doing. A lot of other groups will be involved i.e. dance, band, ROTC, etc. The date is April 5th at 5:30 p.m. if anyone would like to attend.

A community forum will be scheduled for the fall and most likely will be a Back to School theme. More info and planning will occur in future meetings.

Ahead of the Curve, the annual conference sponsored by DADPP, is scheduled for May 24. A 'Save the Date' flyer has been generated but registration is not live yet. Lunch will be provided along with CEU's. Speakers lined up so far include Kyle from the Betty Ford Center speaking on how addiction affects the child. Another speaker will be Kathy O'Keefe, the founder of WTF, a prevention agency. She will be screening their movie "Not Me" which puts a face to the families and victims of overdose. More information will be forthcoming.

General Discussion:

Veronica Moore with Health and Human Services wanted to thank all the members for the work the coalition is doing. She would welcome more collaboration with individuals of the coalition. She also was glad to see the info on the Opioid Initiative as a handout at the meeting.

Another coalition member mentioned that Naloxone, the opioid overdose antidote, will be made available to all universities and secondary schools in the country.

Announcements:

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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