

Dallas Area Drug Prevention Partnership
Coalition Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2018

Present: Becky Tinney, June Deibel, Jessica Rodriguez, Sharon Goldblatt, Lance Koppa, Jorge Estrada, Dan Worley, Jerry Sutterfield, Noemy Leyva, Keith Hennard, Donnita Smart, Sherri Posey, Dow Croyle, Victor Cheatham, Eddie Fischer, Helen Dulac, Monica Belen, Vicki Keifer, Kaye Hashim, Carolina Ordonez, Karyn Kelbaugh, Jacqueline Jackson, Lizbeth Petty, Angel Vales, Ruthilen Robles, Phil Van Guilder, Ellen Duke, Adam Moize, Dave Mesker, Cristina Thomas, Rosaline Rayford, Veronica Moore, Mandrell Drakes, Taneesha Torres-McDade, Patricia Gaffney, Jon Sofley

Call to order: 2:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Staff Report: Becky Tinney spoke about the National Prescription Drug Takeback Day on Saturday, April 28th, and thanked all the volunteers for their time and participation. Goody bags were handed out to participants dropping off their medications which included information from Defend Your Drains, a weekly pill container, a pen, printed materials, and a medication disposal pouch from ALOUD for their use later. This was the 15th year that the DEA has held these takeback events and they are becoming more successful each time. Becky showed a PowerPoint with statistics comparing this event with previous events in each state. The Dallas County collections surpassed October's amount and Texas had the most in the country. The 11 locations that were sponsored by DADPP collected 2,245 pounds. All of these statistics can be found on the DEA website. The next takeback event has been scheduled for October 27, 2018.

Workgroups:

- **Data:** Jon Sofley reported that data analysis was still ongoing for the DISD survey. The Coalition Member Survey will also be completed next month.
- **Law Enforcement:** Lance Koppa reiterated the good results of the takeback event. A discussion ensued on some challenges that were faced in several of the locations. A few were held in areas without a great deal of traffic. A suggestion was made to hold them at churches in those areas rather than an elementary school that is located inside a neighborhood with not a lot of drive-by traffic. More discussion was held about the need for more permanent drop-off locations in Dallas County. A question was posed about whether people might be reluctant to drop-off at police stations – either a permanent location or one of the special takeback events. Helen Dulac will be participating in an upcoming webinar on Global Initiatives on Takeback Events and will report back with information that might be of interest to the coalition. Another concern during the takeback event was where to dispose of needles and inhalers.

- Prevention: Ahead of the Curve, DADPP's annual one-day conference, currently has 150 registered and 30 on the waitlist. If you want to go and haven't registered yet, please get with Becky.
- The Community Forum that is traditionally held in the fall could be a Back to School event or possibly Halloween or Thanksgiving. A discussion was held about the pros and cons of each time period. Monica Belen gave feedback on her experience with both the Halloween community forum and the one held at Thanksgiving. Another member suggested that possibly we could pick a community first and then piggyback on an existing event. In that way, the theme will already be in place. More discussion about this will take place in the next meeting.

Announcements:

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:10 p.m.

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