

Dallas Area Drug Prevention Partnership
Coalition Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2019

Present: Becky Tinney, June Deibel, Lizbeth Petty, Cristina Thomas, Eugene Mosley, Tamlyn Var, Ruthilen Robles, Patricia Gaffney, Michelle Chiara, Jerry Sutterfield, Lance Koppa, Angel Vales, Cyndie Stanley, Veronica Moore, Chaslyn Stokes, Monica Belen, Agapito Chavez, Emma Dugas, Jazzlynn Myre, Dow Croyle, Jody Thruston, Kyle Pillans, Michelle Young, Kim-Cuong Than, Troyrika Terrell.

Call to order: 2:06 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Organizational Spotlight: Gene Mosley, Youth Motivational Speaker

Gene Mosley spoke about his work with youth, especially those at-risk. He has a program called “Become a Valuable Success Story” which he presents at schools, juvenile centers, etc. His presentation asks participants to identify their ‘empty closet’ stage – moments that signify traumatic events/circumstances. He described his own upbringing and moments that were his ‘empty closet’ moments as well as his ‘bench moment.’ He brought copies of his book titled *Overcoming Your Empty Closet*. Bookings for his motivational speeches can be made by going to his website: <http://genemosley.com/>

Staff Update: Becky announced that Ahead of the Curve will be on Thursday, May 2. Speakers are still being confirmed. Save the date for now and registration and more information will be available soon.

On Sunday, March 31, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tiferet Israel will be hosting the Dallas Kosher Chili Cook-Off and Community Take Back at 10909 Hillcrest Road, Dallas 75230. DADPP will have a table with Deterra bags and Dispose Rx packets. Medications for the take back can be dropped off in the parking/drop off drive.

Workgroups: Becky Tinney gave an overview of the workgroups for any new members in attendance.

Data: Karyn Kelbaugh, who was not in attendance but called into the workgroup, wanted to discuss the potential benefits of schools or organizations using data when applying for funds. She feels that there is an ‘information aversion’ at times, as schools seem hesitant to get solid data on drug/alcohol usage. Dallas ISD has not done the Texas School Survey in years but is more receptive to surveys now. The Drug Impact Index that DADPP produces will be made available to organizations and members of the coalition as soon as it is available.

Prevention: Ahead of the Curve is scheduled for May 2 and volunteers are needed. Take Back Day will also need volunteers. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Law Enforcement: During their workgroup, they discussed the various take back locations on April 27 but they have yet to be confirmed. More details will be given in the next meeting.

Announcements:

MADD is holding a press conference/"Bloggers Brunch" on Wednesday, April 17 at 10 am for social media bloggers in order to promote PowerTalk21.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:15 p.m.

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