

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

Present: Becky Tinney, June Deibel, Lance Koppa, Lizbeth Petty, Gina Velez-Lopez, Cristina Thomas, Kaye Ibrahim Hashim, Angel Vales, Veronica Moore, Tikka Brown, Emma Dugas, Sharon Goldblatt, Sherri Posey, Mandrell Drakes, Nathaniel Adams, Krysta Knox, Tracey Dominguez, Sharon Jefferson, Carolina Cronn, Agapito Chavez, Phillip Van Guilder, Habbi Jallow, Ruthilen Robles, Dow Croyle, Maddie Scogna, Karl Berry, Amber Martinez, Keith Hennard, Michelle Young, Jan Pompei, Kim Hackley, Tim Ochola.

Call to order: 2:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Organizational Spotlight: Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Emma Dugas with MADD presented a brief version of MADD's Power of Parents presentation given to adults/parents. They also have a Power of Teens presentation that is given at schools and other youth-centered organizations. Emma announced their annual PowerTalk21 is on April 21. This is a day that parents are encouraged to talk to their kids about underage drinking. To build awareness of this day, MADD is holding a press conference/brunch on Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a.m. Anyone that would like to attend is encouraged to call/email Emma.

Staff Update: Becky Tinney gave an overview of the workgroups for any new members in attendance. Data will not be meeting today and the decision was made to just stay together and give respective reports from Prevention and Law Enforcement groups.

Before the reports, Becky briefed everyone on the SAMHSA grant that is being applied for on behalf of DADPP. She explained that they will be needing Letters of Support and members may be getting a request for those in the coming weeks.

BuzzFree PROMises Dress & Suit Giveaway is coming up on March 30. Volunteers are still needed as well as attendees. Continue to promote the event as members are able.

Tiferet Israel is holding their annual chili cookoff the next day on Sunday, March 31. Because the DEA takeback days land on a Saturday (their Sabbath), they have not been able to participate. They have requested a special takeback day to coordinate with their community event and have enlisted help from DADPP, DEA, and DPD. Coalition members are welcome to attend this event as the food will be wonderful.

Workgroups:

Law Enforcement (Ruthilen Robles) reported that the following locations have been confirmed for Take Back Day: Booker T Washington High School, Thomas Jefferson High School, Kiest Park, Richland College, Oak Lawn Library, Ivy Montessori

Academy, Scofield Memorial Church, Highland Park DPS, University Park Police Department, Farmers Branch Police Department, Dallas PD North East Substation, Methodist Dallas Medical Center, and Methodist Charlton Medical Center. The location at Kiest Park will be in conjunction with a health and wellness fair that DPD is sponsoring.

Becky discussed the goody bags that will be distributed at each take back location. She also expressed her gratitude to Dallas Water Utilities for their strong and continued support of this initiative.

Prevention: Ahead of the Curve is scheduled for May 2. Registration is open but need to register quickly as seats will fill up soon. Speaker line-up is as follows: Baqi Martin, Director of Clinical Services at Clearfork Academy – speaking on marijuana; Karen Williams, Youth Development Trainer – speaking on incarcerated parents; Julie Stevens, Prevention Specialist and Trainer – speaking on media as a risk factor; and Dr. Eden Hernandez Robles, University of Texas at El Paso – speaking on cultural factors in our families and communities.

Announcements:

- Dallas Police Department is holding a health and wellness fair on Saturday, April 27 at Kiest Park.
- MADD is holding a press conference/”Bloggers Brunch” on Wednesday, April 17 at 10 am for social media bloggers in order to promote PowerTalk21.
- Dallas Medical Center and New Vision is holding an open house to promote their detox and stabilization services. The open house is on Thursday, April 4 from 1-3 p.m. at Dallas Medical Center, Third Floor Community Room, 7 Medical Parkway, Dallas, 75234. RSVP to 972-888-4060.
- Veronica Moore with HHS announced the following: 1) there has been a funding announcement for programs to help children with incarcerated parents; 2) Big Texas Rally will be held on September 21 at Rangers Ballpark. Committees are being formed and volunteers are needed; 3) in partnership with another prevention agency, Drug Prevention Resources and various law enforcement personnel will be conducting a series of Naloxone trainings over the next few months.
- Becky requested that if any member had any data needs, please reach out to her.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

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