

Dallas Area Drug Prevention Partnership
Coalition Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2019

Present: Becky Tinney, June Deibel, Stephen Vega, Campbell Lillard, Lizbeth Petty, Cristina Thomas, Jacqueline Jackson, April Spencer, Jerry Sutterfield, Keandrea Smith, Ernesto Elizondo, Jose Juarez, Laura Mendoza, Jason Knaack, William Evans, Ashley Chasse, Tikka Brown, Angel Vales, Lance Koppa, Chaslyn Stokes, Lakeysha Jones-Hill, Nathaniel Adams, Thelma Cager, Sherri Posey, Monica Belen, Missy Distel, Habbi Jallow, Armando Aguinaga, Barbara Coombs, Ruthilen Robles, Agapito Chavez.

Call to order: 2:05 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Organizational Spotlight: North Texas Poison Center

Cristina Thomas with the North Texas Poison Center presented a PowerPoint to familiarize the coalition on their services. Each year, the NTPC receives over 60,000 calls from individuals who are either asking about exposures/poisonings by certain substances (48,000) or need information about toxicology or pill identification (14,000). Their call center is available 24-hours/7-days a week. NTPC goes to health/resource fairs as well as giving free presentations to children and adults. Their brochures are free to order. Presentations available are:

- Be Poison Safe (30 min) K-5th grade
- OTC Medication Safety 4th – 8th grade
- Drug Education (1 hour) 6th - 12th grade
- Vaping (30 min) 6th – 12th grade

All of their presentations include brochures and giveaways.

Staff Update: Becky Tinney invited any other member to sign up to give an Organizational Spotlight in the future.

Becky thanked all the members who provided Letters of Support and for how quick they were able to send them. She explained that these were needed for the grant proposal recently completed as DADPP's funding is ending in September and new funds/grants are being solicited.

Becky announced that more volunteers were needed for the April 27th DEA Drug Take Back Day.

The Ahead of the Curve conference is coming up. 193 are currently registered so if anyone wants to come, they need to register ASAP since registrations will be capped at 200.

An overview of the workgroups and breakout rooms was given for any new members.

Workgroups:

- Prevention/Education: Take Back Day needs more volunteers, perhaps some interns could participate. Ahead of the Curve is nearing capacity so sign up if haven't already and encourage others to do so too.
- Law Enforcement: Nothing to report except everything is good to go for take back. Each location has staffing assigned to it and Becky is working on the volunteers.
- Data: Karyn Kelbaugh, the chair of this workgroup, called in to announce a new resource website for data that she has developed. It is called the Dallas Area Data Gathering Guide. If we need data, members can go to the website to find it or to request data. There is a tab where requests can be made or to share new data sources not already on the site. She will be working on a video that will be a 'walkthrough' of some of the more complicated data sources (Texas UCR, for example). The website can be located here: <http://bit.ly/DADGG>

Announcements:

Two representatives from The Phoenix announced that they will be opening a branch of their activity-based recovery program in the Dallas area. The Phoenix offers sober activities in the form of crossfit, running, boxing, etc. Go to <https://thephoenix.org/> or email svega@thephoenix.org for more information.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:20 p.m.

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