



Our vision is a culture of drug free youth in North Texas.

Coalition Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018

Present:

Michelle Young (UTA CARS), Patricia Gaffney (No Organization), Victor Cheatham (The Council), Mandrell Drakes (Dallas Police Department), Craig Ross (Recovery Communities), Maureen Milligan (Dallas City Hall), Eddie Pratt (Dallas Challenge), Veronica Moore (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services), Adam Moize (Addiction Campuses), Lance Koppa (Highland Park Police Department), Jackie Jackson (Dallas Challenge), Julia Hoskison (WGU University), Lance Sumpter (Texoma Hiota), Jay Staples (A Sober Caddy), Raul Hernandez (Dallas Police), Dennis Barkway (No Organization), Monica Belen (Child & Family Guidance Center), Mario Reyna (Dallas ISD), Helen Dulac (Dallas City Hall), Haley Gleeson (The Council), Armando Aguinaga (Rainbow Days), Karyn Kelbaugh (The Council), Jorge Estrada (Dallas Police Department), Danny Andino (Arise Recovery), Noemy Leyva (Dallas Police Department), Vicki Keifer (Dallas Challenge), Jessica Judd (Clean Slate), Jessica Rodriguez (The Council), Sharon Goldblatt (Texas Standing Tall), Lizbeth Petty (North Texas Poison Center), Cristina Thomas (North Texas Poison Control), Jerry Sutterfield (Highland Park ISD), Steve Paul (Healing Springs Ranch), June Deibel (The Council), Becky Tinney (The Council).

Call to order: 2:05 p.m.

Gary Cochran, Preston Place Counseling Center, stopped by to promote an upcoming mental health presentation given by Penny Carnes. The presentation is to be held on January 17 if anyone is interested. Stop by their office if there are any questions.

Welcome and Introductions

Organization Spotlight: Café Momentum Torie Reed

Café Momentum offers life skills, training, job opportunities in a culinary environment. Kids are taken from the juvenile court system and offered an opportunity at a paid, year-long internship. Youth are ages 13 – 19 and start at \$9.00 per hour and up to \$12.00 per hour as they progress in the program. The program was started by Chad Houser when he held an ice cream contest and afterwards saw a need. He designed a program around what he knew best.

There are over 7,000 juveniles in the juvenile justice system with a 47% recidivism rate. By offering training, mentoring, and case management, they have drastically reduced this number among the kids in their program. Of 469 interns, there was only a 15% recidivism rate. They are not “placed” there by the courts but volunteer to be there.

The program has very strict guidelines and policies. They learn, not only front and back of the house training, but also education, drug/alcohol counseling, trauma counseling, assistance with homelessness and basic urgent needs, work readiness, etc.

The restaurant is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday only from 5:30 – 9 p.m. Reservations are recommended. They also do small catering jobs.

Workgroups:

- **Law Enforcement** – no breakout this month.

- **Prevention Education:**

For those who might not know, Becky went over what a community forum entails as well as other educational events held throughout the year, i.e. 411 Drugs and Gangs, Ahead of the Curve. She gave a brief overview of the street team and youth initiatives. A street team at Booker T Washington HSPVA and the coalition will get updated as that progresses. The Thomas Jefferson Street Team has been in existence for 10+ years with very active sponsors. Drug use is declining but community perception remains that it is the ‘drug’ school. It has been suggested that there be a community forum in order to engage the neighborhood, not necessarily those in the school. Change the perception. Engage the feeder schools. A date will need to be confirmed. A discussion ensued about the Salvation Army/Recreation Center and their needs. Becky will send out a list of community forums and would welcome any suggestions of other places/areas to target or potential themes. Of course, dinner and dialogue is the underlying theme of all.

Ahead of the Curve is being targeted for late April or May. More info to follow.

411 on Drugs and Gangs is tentatively set for September. More info to follow on this as well.

- **Data:**

Karyn discussed the Dallas ISD drug use prevalence study which is scheduled for February 13. Eleven schools and over 700 students will participate by random sampling. Brad Walsh will be helping with analysis in order to get results faster. Volunteers are on standby to help with implementation.

Looking forward:

Takeback event is scheduled for Saturday, April 28.

New Member Orientation Friday February 2 (webinar) at 2:00 p.m.

Announcements:

Poison Control left brochures/posters in the back for anyone to take as needed

Phil is Membership Chair, let him know of any potential members he may need to contact.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.