

Dallas Area Drug Prevention Partnership
Coalition Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019

Present: Becky Tinney, June Deibel, Lance Koppa, Kayle Jarnagin, Sherri Posey, Dow Croyle, Nicole Huff, Helen Dulac, Angel Vales, Chaslyn Stokes, Beverly Leno, Whitney Dixon, Cristina Thomas, Agapito Chavez, Summar Thomas-Mosby, Rachel Redmond, Nathaniel Adams, Michelle Chiara, Sheyda Mottahed, Kim-Cuong Than, Emma Dugas, Michelle Young, Dr. Laura Frank, Marketha Washington, Ruthilen Robles, Veronica Moore.

Call to order: 2:09 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Organizational Spotlight: Center for Addiction & Recovery Studies/UTA School of Social Work

Michelle Young and Dr. Laura Frank spoke about CARS and the services it provides for the community. Some of these include:

- New Connections Mommies Program offering psychoeducational parenting groups/classes.
- Outreach to pregnant women with a focus on building awareness and reducing neonatal alcohol syndrome (NAS) and drug use during pregnancy.
- Life Connections which provides counseling and care coordination for victims of crime.
- MAVS 4 Youth YPS program which is a 10-week prevention curriculum.
- Research: NAS interventions; Life Connections Crime Victims; YPS gaming app targeted for 4th – 8th graders; Active Shooter training.

Their program hires approximately 35 social work interns each semester.

Staff Update: Becky Tinney encouraged any other members to sign up and give an organizational spotlight in future months.

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

Workgroups:

Law Enforcement (Lance Koppa) reported on the success of the April 27 DEA Take Back Day and said that the Dallas PD locations collected approximately 618 pounds of medications. Becky stated that overall, for the thirteen locations that were sponsored by DADPP, approximately 1300 pounds were collected.

A discussion was held about disposing of needles. One takeback location received a large quantity and was unclear about accepting the needles. Becky informed the coalition that there is a disposal location in Dallas for any Dallas County resident. They must show proof of residence/drivers license in order to drop off used needles.

Prevention (Becky Tinney): Ahead of the Curve was held on May 2. There were approximately 150 attendees and 10 vendor tables. There were 220 registered and Becky asked for feedback on ways to close the gap between those registered and those that actually attend. One idea was to send out a survey (SurveyMonkey) requesting anonymous feedback on attendance.

Planning for the 411 conference will begin soon. This conference is focused on Red Ribbon Week. Plans are being made to move the date back to September rather than mid-October like last year. Suggestions for topics and speakers will be welcomed.

Data: Karyn Kelbaugh (by phone) wanted to update the coalition on the new data gathering website she has been working on. It is the Dallas Area Data Gathering Guide and is for anyone to use to find or request data. She will be adding data as well as how-to videos over the next several months. The link is as follows: <http://bit.ly/DADGG> She suggested to use Chrome instead of Internet Explorer.

Announcements:

Recovery Resource Council will be holding a free 6-hour ethics training at the East Campus offices (1349 Empire Central, #800, Dallas) on Monday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Registration is required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prevention-ethics-tickets-61648011863?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

It has come to Becky's attention that some people are not receiving emails from her/Recovery Resource Council. With the merger, email system and email addresses have changed and it appears that some of the emails are ending up in spam folders. Becky requested everyone to check their spam folder and 'allow' her address.

Dallas Police Department will be holding the LGBTQ+ Town Hall Meeting on Thursday May 23 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Resource Center, 5750 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas. Speakers will include Chief U. Renee Hall and Dallas County DA John Cruzot.

The Dallas Police Department has joined the app "Neighbors by Ring". Members that live in Dallas are encouraged to download the free app by texting dallaspd to 555888 or searching on the app store.

There will be a ROSC community panel on June 12th at 10:00 a.m. at the Meadows Conference Center, 2900 Live Oak Stree, Dallas. The panel will be made up of first responders providing information on what they do on scene and allowing attendees to ask questions.

MADD provided copies of their Court Monitoring Program Report for those that are interested in this program and its data.

Big Texas Rally is scheduled for September 21. Contact Veronica Moore at 214-767-3270 or veronica.moore@hhs.gov to volunteer for a committee.

DPR and Love, Cassidy are sponsoring a Naloxone training in Irving on June 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

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