



Dedicated to the Safety and Well-being of Our Youth

Minutes

Camanche-DeWitt Coalition Meeting November 9, 2021

Location: Zoom only

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Don Thiltgen

Introductions: In Attendance (15)

Don Thiltgen (Concerned Citizen-13), **Steve Cundiff** (Clinton County Sheriff's Office-7), **Sally Burroughs** (DeWitt Noon Lions-9), **Lauren Schwandt** (Camanche-DeWitt Coalition-12), **Olivia Regenwether** (ASAC-12, **Ellen Gackle** (ASAC-12), **Carole Dunkin** (Genesis-10), **Shawn Felts** (Substance Abuse Organization-12), **Sam Genson** (Iowa State Extension & Outreach-6), **Jaiden Goodman** (College Student-14), **Kristin Huisenga** (Clinton Substance Abuse Council-12), **Christina Skiles** (ASAC-12), **Sharon Roling** (St. Joseph School-5), **Aubrey Winslow** (Camanche School-5), **Laura Norris** (MercyOne-10),

Sector- 1. Youth, 2. Parent, 3. Business Community, 4. Media, 5. School, 6. Youth-Serving Organization, 7. Law Enforcement Agency, 8. Religious Organizer, 9. Civic and Volunteer, 10. Healthcare Professionals, 11. State or Local Government, 12. Substance Abuse Organization, 13-Concerned Citizen, 14-Young Adult/College Student

In-Kind Provided: \$520

Lauren asked for approval of October 12, 2021 minutes. Don Thiltgen made motion to approve, Christina Skiles 2nd. Motion carried.

Coordinator's Comments-

Lauren Schwandt asked 4 questions on drinking during Thanksgiving. As a reminder, she let the group know to share social media updates that would be coming out in regards to the holidays, drinking, and other risky behaviors.

Had an Executive Committee meeting before this in which we discussed that the Gateway ImpACT Coalition applied and received a CARA grant. This grant is also through the CDC and would need to positions filled, a project coordinator and a business official. GIC was going to hire a project coordinator and Kristin would be BO, but they have had a hard time hiring for the coordinator position. Kristin asked the grants officer if Lauren could be the BO and Kristin the project officers and they said that should be fine. Lauren said if she took on the BO role she would have to drop a little of her time with the coalition DFC grant from working 100% of her time under the

DFC grant to 94% and 6% would be on the CARA grant. 6% of Lauren's time is about 10 hours a month working on the CARA grant. The executive committee approved this, and Kristin will reach out to the grant officers with changes to see if it's approved.

Each month we reach out to different sectors. October was religious groups. I did not hear back from many, but there were a couple. November is business sector and in process of sending out letters to Camanche and DeWitt businesses. If you know anyone from business, please reach out to them about what all we are about and invite them to a meeting.

Lauren created handout of 12 tips for parents on talking to their kids about drugs and alcohol. Will be article in Camanche Comment and DeWitt Observer late November.

DFC survey was approved at all 3 schools for 6th, 8th and 11th graders. We are collecting data in regard to youth substance use, perception of harm, peer and parental approval, availability, and values. Camanche and St. Joseph's have completed the DFC survey. DFC survey data for DeWitt Central should be in by years end. DeWitt Central has opted out of doing the Iowa Youth Survey for this year. Also, parents have the option on whether their child participates on the DFC survey or not.

Focus groups for Central DeWitt and Camanche Middle and High School plus we will be asking more questions on alcohol and marijuana and hopefully get data together by the end of the grant year.

Kristen Huisenga and Lauren Schwandt finished National Coalition Academy. Jaiden Goodman attended some classes. We will be recognized at CADCA for this.

There will be four spots up for election for next year Executive Board and will be voted on in December. These spots include, DeWitt Co-Chair(Don Thiltgen), Treasurer(Carole Dunkin), At-Large (Jaiden Goodman), At-Large (Lisa Abbott) Fill out Coalition involvement form online.

Youth Representatives Updates-

None reported

Co-Chair report-

Mayor Don mentioned they had a sustainability meeting on November 2 where they met with ECIA who has a grant and is willing to help us. Anyone that wants to join in on the conversation on sustainability and non-profit status is welcome to join these conversations. Don also said the cities will be doing their budgets so make sure to put in the request for money.

Steve mentioned having an Events Committee meeting at the beginning of the new year. Also that Camanche has new council members and mayor so it would be a good

idea to talk to them about the coalition and get support. We will also present to DeWitt Council.

Sub-Committees-

- a. Coalition Formation Sub-Committee**
 - Will continue to work on sustainability
- b. Event Development**
 - Will be setting up a meeting at the beginning of the new year
- c. Finance**
 - Carole Dunkin \$13,331.67 in bank account
- d. Secretary**
 - Nothing to report

Upcoming Trainings:

CADCA will be January 31 – February 3, 2022 as of now in person in Washington, DC anyone and youth are invited.

Day On the Hill is February 24, 2022 if anyone is interested in going. Hoping to take a bus load of students to Des Moines. Alcohol, marijuana and vaping are the students main passion and not wanting to legalize marijuana in Iowa.

Around the Table

Don Thiltgen and Shawn Felts spoke to 8th graders on Mental Illness and Suicide they asked for two take aways and five came back and they were followed up on. Prince of Peace had three cards and they were followed up on.

Don Thiltgen said it was pretty slow at Parent-Teacher Conferences in DeWitt where we had the HIPS trailer set up. Justin Witt gave a tour to about 15 people. We handed out some information packets. A few had told us they had been through the trailer before.

Camanche Parent Teacher night was well attended and handed out informational packets.

Lauren said we may be going to County Schools this spring like Cal-Wheat and others with the HIPS Trailer.

Sam Genson with Iowa State Extension is planning Strengthening Families program in February 2022 for families with children ages 10-14. Hoping to get at least eight families. Hoping to have sessions in Clinton late Spring 2022.

Carole Dunkin made motion to adjourn, Don Thiltgen 2nd

Lauren adjourned meeting at 6:28 p.m.