

Southwest Coalition Meeting
April 16, 2019 Minutes

Present: Robert Snipes, Shell Christine, Allison Thomas, Raymond Law, Mardi Wunderlich, Carolyn Chambless, Kaylaa McGinnis, Diane Belicki, Phil Schneeberger, Gloria Bloodsaw.

March minutes were approved as submitted. Robert Snipes advised members to contact him if they are not receiving minutes. An electronic Spring Conference flyer will be sent with the April minutes.

Treasurer, Kaylaa McGinnis, informed members that we have a balance of approximately \$2500.00, however, that will start to increase as we receive Spring Conference dues.

Gloria Bloodsaw, Education Committee, asked for volunteers to host upcoming meetings. Phil Schneeberger volunteered to take August, Stepping Stones will take September, Diane Feeney has October and Symetria will host again in November. Gloria will contact them to request topic and speaker info (information which can also be found on our website).

Spring Conference attendees will receive a continental breakfast and afternoon snack in addition to a lunch voucher for Silver Cross Hospital's cafeteria.

May 2, 2019 is the scholarship deadline. There are no applicants to date. The scholarship application can be found on our website.

Per a majority vote, membership decided to change the agency hosting our website to one that provides security at no additional fee. Our tech committee is exploring options.

Membership discussed charging a nominal fee for non-members who wish to attend a one-hour training. Robert Snipes suggested charging \$20.00 for a single workshop and throwing a one year membership in at no additional cost.

Hero Helps inadvertently scheduled their conference on our preferred Spring Conference date, for which they apologized. Members attending the Hero Conference are advised to register if they wish to receive CEU's. They will be required to attend the NARCAN workshop at the end of the day in order to receive four CEU's. Kaylaa McGinnis will man the Coalition's table at Hero's event.

Kaylaa McGinnis announced that she has been promoted to Regional Director for Symetria. Kaylaa shared her observation that the opioid crisis is worsening. Symetria just had their first case of "Carfentanil" intoxication. The individual, who is lucky to be alive, thought he was taking Xanax.

Other drug trends include the resurgence of methamphetamine abuse. Law enforcement in New York recently came across marijuana laced with fentanyl.

Kaylaa informed members that the Hepatitis A vaccine is available free at the Will County Health Department. Contact her if you are interested and she will get you in touch with Scott DuBois.

Carolyn Chambless announced that she has left Recovery Works to go into business for herself as a National Outreach Specialist. Her first client is an 11 bed treatment facility for men in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Meeting adjourned on the motion of Gloria Bloodsaw.

Next meeting: Symetria in Naperville

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich
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