

Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues
August 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Tom Moore, Mardi Wunderlich, Marie Marek, Teresa Diaz, Carolyn Chambless, Kaylaa McGinnis, Gloria Bloodsaw, Kirsty Duffett, Jennifer Hahs, Philip Schneeberger, Allison Thomas, Robert Snipes.

President Snipes opened the business meeting and members introduced themselves.

Treasurer, Kaylaa McGinnis reported that she will begin mailing dues notices. Last year, emailing members about their dues was not as effective as she would have liked, so this year she will try notification through regular mail. Kaylaa introduced the Coalition's newest member—Marie Marek with Amita Health.

The May Conference generated a little less than \$2000.00 for the Coalition. Our present account balance is approximately \$4000.00.

Gloria Bloodsaw stated workshops are confirmed through the end of this year. Bonnie McPhillips, Jennifer Hahs and Philip Schneeberger have indicated an interest in hosting meetings in 2020. Robert Snipes reminded members that Stepping Stones Conference Center is available for use by agencies that lack the necessary space to hold workshops. There is no charge to use Stepping Stones Conference Center, however, the hosting agency would still be responsible for securing a speaker and providing refreshments.

As a reminder to agency representatives who agree to host, please use the speaker form on our website-- or at least follow the format to ensure there is sufficient information to apply for continuing education units through ICB, Inc. It is not possible to submit the aforementioned form electronically, so it must be downloaded and then sent to Gloria by another means.

Gloria Bloodsaw is working toward posting monthly minutes on the Coalition's website. She will also be researching means of accepting credit card payments.

President Snipes reminded members the Coalition donates funds to organizations for the purpose of hosting events that align with the Coalition's mission. The deadline to apply for said funds is September (see website for further details and application form). Furthermore, scholarship money is available to people in recovery as well as people who are entering the substance abuse/prevention field (see website).

Lisa Snipes is attempting to rectify our website problem. In the meantime, people are instructed to type the Coalition's web address (southwestcoalition.org), into the address bar.

Announcements: Free CEU's are available to professionals who attend the NIEAPA Training on September 13, 2019 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the IBEW Local 701 Training Center in Warrenville, IL.

Members interested in attending the International Overdose Awareness Day Event in New Lenox on August 22, 2019 should visit www.newlenox.net for full details.

Gateway is offering an alcohol-specific program for youth at their Aurora location. In addition, Gateway has opened a residential treatment facility for LGBTQ persons in Lakeview.

Amita has partnered with the AIDS Foundation on an AIDS Run/Walk on October 5, 2009.

Stepping Stones has multiple job openings for counselors and case managers.

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17th at Stepping Stones to be preceded by a workshop on Trauma Informed Care (10:00 a.m.).

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich
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