

Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues  
March 19, 2019

Present: Peter Bradley, Mardi Wunderlich, Beth Fuqua, Zaia Chirrcina, Gloria Bloodsaw, Jennifer Hahs, Dianna Feeney, Taylor Jovanovic, Britteny Grover, Robert Whooley, Allison Thomas.

President Robert Snipes opened the meeting.

February meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Education: CEU's have been approved for the workshops scheduled through June. The Coalition is seeking volunteers to host August, September, October and November meetings. Dianna Feeney volunteered to host October. Beth Fucqua will check with Morningstar Mission and let Gloria Bloodsaw know which month her organization will host.

Hosts are asked to consult the Coalition website for the information needed (bio and objectives), to apply for continuing education units.

Efforts continue to be made to correct the search engine/Coalition website problem. It appears the Coalition's website has become linked to a Southwestcoalition.com website. Until corrected, please advise people to type our website address into their address bar.

To avoid conflicting with Hero Helps Community Forum, the Spring Conference will be held on May 31, 2019. Silver Cross will be the location of our event and lunch will be in their cafeteria via the voucher system.

Kaylaa will be printing the conference brochure. President Snipes reminded those involved to mail the brochures to only those zip codes in our area.

Scholarship funds are still available, so alert anyone you know who may be interested.

The Southwest Coalition will again be sponsoring the Hero Helps/Southwest Coalition Summit on May 3, 2019. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to Noon at the Romeoville Athletic Center. Four free CEU's will be available.

Zaia Chirrcina volunteered to man the Southwest Coalition table at Hero Helps. Kaylaa confirmed via email that she has the Coalition's tablecloth and pens. Robert Snipes will secure the table.

President Snipes indicated that meeting minutes should be posted on our website as they had been in the past.

The Coalition brochures need updating. Beth Fucqua suggested we insert instructions on accessing the Coalition's website in our brochures.

Announcements:

The Illinois Council on Problem Gambling will be presenting a workshop on the subject of “criminal justice clients and gambling” at Ingalls Hospital on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Check the Council’s website for further details.

Rosecrance will again be offering their summer training series in Rockford.

Diane Feeney will also be offering a summer training series at D. Feeney Counseling and Consulting in Westmont.

Furthermore, Diane will be offering a review course at Governor State for people seeking to prepare to take the CADCE exam. This course will offer 30 CEU’s. Check Governor State’s website for further information.

Peter Bradley plans to lobby in Springfield on March 21, 2019 (Counselor Day on the Hill), to enable LCPC’s to seek Medicaid reimbursement for counseling services rendered.

Minutes prepared by: Mardi Wunderlich  
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Next meeting: April 16, 2019 at Gateway, 400 Mercy Lane, Aurora (workshop 10:00 a.m. followed by 11:00 a.m. meeting).