



## COALITION MEETING

September 14, 2021

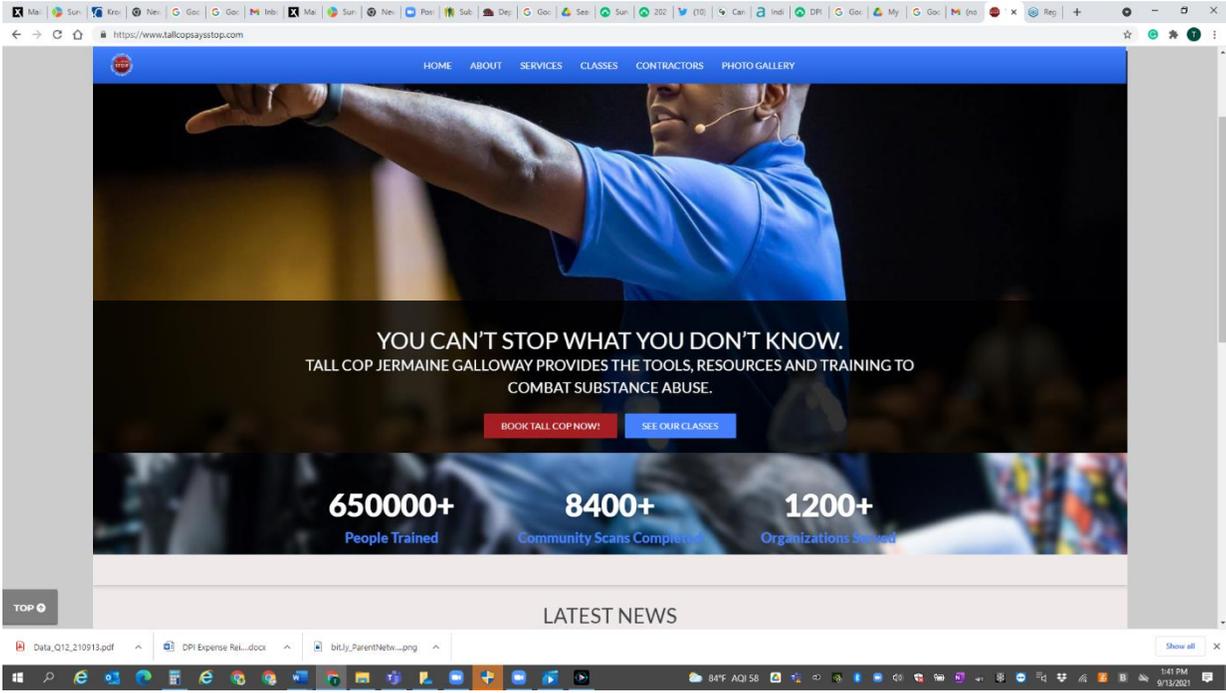
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

Please put your name and your affiliation in Chat

- **WELCOME WITH VISION AND MISSION**  
*Vision-Promote a healthy Decatur, free of the negative effects of alcohol and other drugs on youth and families. Mission: Systematically implement evidence-based strategies to promote the behavioral health of youth and families.*
- **Introductions**
- **Community Spotlight-** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-GLVDC8PJ/>  
Hot Spots and Local Conditions (Delta 8 and Open Containers “Right here in River City”)
- **Training Opportunity-** <https://www.tallcopsaysstop.com/webinars>  
Who wants to attend? DPI can reimburse. This Thursday 11-12:30 DPI can reimburse
- **Next Parent and Teen event SOAR (Science of Addiction Recovery) Susan Morley -Sept 29**
- **International Overdose Awareness Day August 31**
- **Got Outcomes-Next Phase**
- **Partner Updates & Opportunities for Collaboration- (Fall etc)**
- **CMAT Dee Anderson Decatur Parent Network**
- **Summary of Parenting Programming-Carol**
- **Inclusion in DHS 101 Resource video**
- **Focus PSA Placement-Youth and Parents**
- **Biggest Influence (ASAPP created, DFC Promoted)-Tiffany Site suggestions?**
- **SAMHSA Partnership for Success Grant-2024 (14-24 y.o./ underage drinking, opioids, stimulants+, illegal drugs)**
  - Idea Engineering-Illegal Drug Campaign-Snap Chat and YouTube
  - Input for surveying 18-24 in community-virtual
  - Liaison with Colleges
- **CDC DFC Grant-2024- (18 & under/ alcohol, nicotine, and marijuana)**
  - Positive Social Norms, Access, Policy (Ads for Carpe Diem)
  - Prevention Plus Wellness starting October 1. Marnie
  - Growing Membership-50 in 2021!
  - PreVenture Training-Kick off TBD-New Trainee
  - Training for Coalition Members-Needs
- **DBHDD ASAPP-2021 (9-18 Underage Drinking and partial RX use)**
  - All Stars Core -Currently in 2 RMS classes. Will move under DFC after ASAPP for 2021.
  - Early Fall programming + Health Classes (Prevention Plus Wellness)
  - Partners In Prevention Project-Starting October 1.
- **NEXT MEETING: October 12<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays @ 1:00)**

**A LITTLE DATA ABOUT THE TALL COP JERMAINE GALLOWAY**



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Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance (15): A total of 15 participants in the virtual zoom meeting and conference call. Attendees were: Assistant Chief Ninetta Violante (City Decatur Fire and Rescue-Health), Gary Menard (City Decatur Fire and Rescue-Health), Kimberly Wilson (GUIDE-SA Prevention Agency), Duane Sprull (City Schools of Decatur-Schools), Devon Johnson (Emory Center- MSAACD-Health), Corey Bivens (Decatur Housing Authority-Youth-Serving), Camila Gomez (CPACS-SA Prevention Agency), Marie McCollum (Decatur Education Foundation-Volunteer), Sara Ghesling Melito (Therapist-Treatment), SRO Officer J Moore (DHS School Resource Officer -Law Enforcement), Tiffany Cuthbert (DPI-Support), Carol Treible (DPI-Evaluator), Marnie Grozin (DPI Youth Coordinator), Dee Anderson (Outreach/Parent Coordinator), Terrie Moore (DPI Executive Director).

Start: 1:01pm

End: 2:40 pm

Notes provided by Dee Anderson

Welcome/Introductions: DPI Coalition will continue to meet virtually due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Terrie Moore welcomed coalition members, who then introduced themselves. Camila Gomez and Office Johnnie Moore are new agency representatives.

Member Spotlight – Community Members- Terrie Moore stated that this month's community spotlight is on those participating in the annual community survey. Terrie shared an overview of the results from the 2021 Community Survey (230 participants).

- 1) "What is the community telling us?" The community survey highlights that DPI is known for working with the Parent Network, providing school-based evidence-based programming, and building community awareness through social media, the speaker series, and campaigns. Thirty percent of those surveyed indicate that they do not actively secure alcohol and prescription drugs in the home. Most parents visually and physically check the area when youth gather in their homes. Twenty percent of parents allow their kids to be at home with their friends alone. Seventy percent indicated they are willing to sign a drug-free pledge of no drugs on their property. Those surveyed believe youth are getting alcohol from friends at parties, social access, shoulder taps, or some other adult buying it for them. Eighty percent of those surveyed talk with their youth about substance use issues. Most parents are concerned about alcohol and other drug use. The community likes the virtual option to get information—respondents like the virtual website and our online presence. In the comments section, participants repeatedly indicated that parents need to model positive coping skills and be aware of their behavior. Terrie commented that this overview gives coalition members a brief idea of the community's thoughts and beliefs about the Decatur Prevention Initiative (DPI). Terrie said that one concern in the community is question #12; Are you aware of specific locations in Decatur where youth use alcohol, marijuana, or other drugs? The community replies include parks, cemeteries, streets and sidewalks, and smelling marijuana on the square and in the community. This survey indicates where we are in the community, and we will update our needs assessment and plan accordingly. Gary Menard feels that this will be a difficult change because of the community norm being drinking culture. DPI will continue to emphasize that when adults get stressed, there are alternative ways to cope. Also, the community needs to demonstrate that celebrations and events can occur without alcohol. DPI agrees that the community norms are one of our most significant root causes of youth substance misuse. Ninetta Violante commented that when parents sign the pledge contract, it needs to include the youth somehow. There needs to be a focus on parents and youth agreeing about underage drinking. Terrie stated that she would share with the Decatur Parents Network Leadership Team the need to update and change the pledge.



Terrie shared the City of Decatur's "off-premises consumption ordinance" will be extended through the winter holidays.

Terrie mentioned that it is a rite of passage that the youth gather on Fridays after school at Decatur Square. DPI understands that the city allowed off-premises consumption because alcohol is a money maker and because of the taxes and the revenue generated to help struggling businesses. Menard shared that the City of Decatur's culture loves to drink and have festivals. Marie shared that DEF encourages "Dry Events/Mocktails" to provide an alternative instead of fighting the open container ordinance. Ninette shared that because of revenue attached to over 21 yrs, businesses could offer this adult drink, and those under 21 could have non-alcohol beverages. E.g., the Blues BBQ Event provided an alternative for teen events. Officer Moore shared that the off-premises consumption ordinance will limit people getting tickets on their records and "have we seen any problems with this type of ordinance?" Terrie shared that the ordinance is limited in certain areas in the City of Decatur, and DPI can approach the city to protect youth.

Terrie shared with the members about the "Delta 8" THC (Hemp) and "Do we need to address it?" She defined Delta 8 and that Delta 8 is sold locally in CBD stores. Some concerned parents sent photos to DPI that show Delta 8 exhibited, advertised, and a local retailer gave away free samples at local events this past month. Delta 8 is marketed at these events with a Hemp mascot that looked like the marijuana leaf, and the mascot was called Brian Hemp. Terrie shared that another new marijuana product called THC-Zero, much stronger than the more common THC, is also being sold. Terrie shared that marijuana dispensaries in other states have created many problems, e.g., homelessness, smelling weed in the communities, and business issues. Terrie asked the coalition, "Do you want DPI to address this and develop something to help educate Decatur City Hall about this issue. Do you want to approach this issue as it relates to the environmental exposure to our youth? E.g., Hemp Mascot/Brian Hemp appearing at Family and Community Events.

Members were asked to consider if they wanted to approach the city about the open container ordinance, and members indicated an unwillingness to advocate for policy change at this time. More were interested in discussing the city supporting positive alcohol-free and youth-centric events.

Terrie shared that on September 29 DPN speaker's series will host "The Science of Addiction," and the coalition members are encouraged to promote and attend the event.

#### Partner Updates and Opportunities for Collaboration:

DPI's 2021 Youth Action Team: Marnie Grozin shared that DPI's Youth Action Team (YAT) has a total membership of 12 students. Six students are from Decatur High School are (Lincoln, Rachel, Sarah, Zackariye, Marnera, and Mila. There are six students from Renfroe Middle School. Marnie stated that on August 31, the YAT hosted an International Overdose Awareness Day event. The YAT made a video to address this issue, and high school youth viewed it in ninety-eight classes. The YAT distributed 300 commemorative pins with QR codes leading to resource information. The short video created by the YAT team included Joe Bodines mother, founder of "Joe's Fund Foundation." Duane Sprull (CSD) shared that Homecoming is Friday, September 17. The Homecoming Covid sensitive version for this year's Homecoming Parade is at 5:30pn. Terrie will drive Joe Lee and the two DHS Career Association Club leaders. DHA Stars kids will not participate in this year's parade. DPI and DHA are planning other Red Ribbon events with DHA. Decatur Housing Authority – Corey Bivens (DHA) shared that DHA is still on the fence and undecided about the National Night Out Event in October. DHA is working on the "Lights Out After-School" Event and the Red Ribbon Events. Corey said they are working on the Theme Days/ Jersey Days and will have the same theme as schools and working on guest speakers to do in-person talks with the kids. Terrie mentioned that DPI would follow up on this year's Red Ribbon Chick-fil-a Day with Law Enforcement and other CSD Fire and Rescue Department activities. Kimberly Wilson (GUIDE) continues to work on the Suicide Prevention



Grant in Rockdale, Newton, and Gwinnett counties. Terrie mentions that DPI will be collaborating with GUIDE in Rockdale County. Devon Johnson (Emory) shared that they are wrapping up their DBHDD grant and will receive funding to continue their prevention work in the community. She would like to see Emory dive into the Delta 8 issue as it relates to pregnant women. Terrie shared with the coalition that the CDC website just posted something on Delta 8. Camila Gomez (CPACS) shared that CPACS is wrapping up their ASAPP grant and continue to move forward with the DFC coalition grant. They are working in Stewart County, South Georgia, and will continue to collaborate with DPI.

Marie McCollum (DEF) shared that she is working on a mentorship program at Renfroe MS and Decatur HS for the student center. They need donations from the community of youth shoes, clothing, etc., and DEF is collaborating with social workers and counselors at the schools. Terrie mentioned that DPI CMAT Parent Team could also collaborate to help DEF with its project. CMAT hosts annually the "Wrapped in Warmth and Love" socks, mittens, scarves, hats, and gloves winter outerwear children clothes drive. This project is to provide warm clothes for students waiting at the bus stops. Ms. Dee will follow up with Marie about collaboration. Gary Menard, Decatur City Fire & Rescue, shared that they have withdrawn from all community in-person events due to COVID. They are disappointed not to participate in the YAT fall and the senior fall prevention at Emory University.

Sara Melito (PreVenture Program) received the training to facilitate DPI's PreVenture Program. PreVenture Program is based on personality types, and it helps identify youth and set them into groups within the health classes. The Prevention Plus Wellness Program is helping kids in sports and health classes with the prevention use of alcohol and marijuana substances. Sara shared that it may be offered through the DHS Career Center and possibly eighth graders at the MS Student Center. Carol Treible (DPI Evaluation) shared that the ASAPP will end on September 30. The Parent Network has 450 pledge members. Over additional 288 friends also joined the network. The three speaker series in August and September had a total of sixty-five parents participants. A final event will be held at the end of the month. Participants expressed gratitude to DPI for bringing this series to local parents. The evaluation suggests that future topics could be drug treatment programs, stress management for teens and adults, a desire to know what data/metrics schools using to identify at-risk youth. Carol stated that overall, parents are appreciative of DPI and getting more involved. Tiffany Cuthbert (DPI) shared the new "Biggest Influence" campaign. The video demonstrates that parents are the Biggest Influence in their youth's life. The campaign provides parents with tips for keeping their youth safe. Terrie shared that on October 1, DPI will be featured in "FOCUS" magazine that is distributed throughout Decatur. Dee Anderson (DPI Parent/Outreach Coordinator) – Dee shared that the August CMAT Parent Team returned to virtual and conference calls due to increased cases of COVID within the Decatur Community (Oliver House). The DHA Community Resource Center is currently not open to community adults and parent visitors. We had eight participants on the online seminar/conference call, and the guest speaker of Niki Williams Massey from BHF Tax Services was the facilitator. This workshop aims to provide an overview of budgeting, stocks/bonds, money management, and financial resources for the parents. Niki taped the session, and a copy of the budget forms and workshop will be available for the parents. The Oliver House invited The Derek Campbell Agency to host a follow-up Financial Workshop to present to the seniors on Friday, September 10. The Campbell Agency was to provide a free lunch, workshop information, and door prizes. DPI provided the DPI Community Resource Info Bags, but the event was canceled due to a COVID positive test of 5 Oliver House residents. All residents are doing okay because four out five received their vaccinations. DPI is not scheduled to participate in the National Night Out Event but plans to partner with DHA for their Red Ribbon Community Events. The purpose of the CMAT parent meeting is to continue to



check in with the parents and be a community resource for them. DPI and Ms. Dee have been working with the CMAT parents since 2006.

The September CMAT Parent meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 23 at 6:00 pm and will be a zoom virtual/conference call meeting. Marnie Grozin (DPI Youth Coordinator) shared that the YAT team is wrapping up its ASAPP grant activities and the All-Stars Program classes. The PPW or Prevention Plus Wellness will be working with high school health classes looking at a student's behavior, goal setting, diet, sleep, exercise, current drug use, and what you need to change. The Program is shorter than the All STARS and will be meeting four times weekly. PPW will begin in October. Marnie stated that the YAT youth are very busing and are craving in-person contact and events, and they struggle with not having in-person meetings. The YAT team is diverse this year, and it consists of thirteen youth (males and females) from Decatur HS and Renfroe Middle School. In closing, Terrie thanked everyone for their support and commitment to the DPI coalition.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm

Next Meeting: October 12, 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm) Virtual meeting