



COALITION MEETING

June 8, 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**

- **Member Spotlight-Jobs for Georgia Graduates-GA Dept of Labor-Joe Lee**

- **Summary of Site Visit and Sustainability Goals: Carol Treible**

- **Sustainability-Opioid Event funding opportunity-Terrie**

- **Youth- Report on Recruitment Efforts (Marnie)**

- **Partner Updates & Opportunities for Collaboration-**

- **CMAT May event and survey results-Dee Anderson and Carol Treible**

- **Decatur Parent Network**

 - Volunteers needed

 - August 26 Speaker Event-Stephen Hill

 - DHS 101

- **DHS PTSA liaison-Spring Events Report**

- **SAMHSA Partnership for Success Grant-2024 (14-24 y.o./ underage drinking, opioids, stimulants+, illegal drugs)**

 - Idea Engineering-Illegal Drug Campaign

 - 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

 - Growing Membership

 - PreVenture Training-June 9-11-Kick off August

 - Available Training for Coalition Members-CADCA July 12-15

- **DBHDD ASAPP-2021 (9-18 Underage Drinking and partial RX use**

 - All Stars Core – Status, Recruitment and Potential Sites (Marnie)

 - Early Fall programming + Health Classes (SPORTS proposed)

 - Partners In Prevention Proposal-NOA Est. 5/28-Status

- **NEXT MEETING: July 13th(2nd Tuesdays @ 1:00)-Short meeting due to Mid-Year**



Coalition Meeting Notes: June 8, 2021, 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Attendance (15): A total of 15 participants in the virtual zoom meeting and conference call. Attendees were: Susan Morley (Atlanta Parent Recovery Coach), Matthew Damico (CSD-Security Central Director), Natalie Sanchez (CPACS- Health and Prevention), Joe Lee (City Schools of Decatur-DOL), Kimberly Wilson (GUIDE, Inc.), Isaac Howard (DeKalb DA Office Assistant Dist. Attorney), Deputy Chief Assistant Angel Riley (DeKalb County DA Office), Gary Menard (City Decatur Fire and Rescue), Devon Johnson (Emory Center- MSAACD), Corey Bivens (Decatur Housing Authority) Tiffany Cuthbert (DPI Epi), Carol Treible (DPI-Evaluator), Marnie Grozin (DPI Youth Coordinator), Dee Anderson (DPI Outreach/Parent Coordinator), Terrie Moore (DPI Executive Director). See *the attached sign-in form*.

Start: 1:05 pm

End: 2:27 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 and Dee Anderson read the DPI vision and the mission was read by Marnie Grozin. Members were introduced virtually via round-robin, we welcomed back one of our long-standing members, Matthew Damico. Damico has a new role with the City of Decatur Schools as a Central Director of Security over the school system.

Member Spotlight: Joe Lee - This month's coalition member spotlight was Joe Lee, Georgia Department of Labor, City Schools of Decatur (Jobs for Georgia Graduates). Joe's focus is on CSD Career Development and has worked with the DHS youth for 10 years and the population for over 40 years. He teaches employability and life skills at the Decatur High School and works with students that have a lot of barriers and behavioral issues. He also serves as a senior advisor at the DHS and works with the APEX (alternative classes). During the school year Joe worked with 13 seniors, all students graduated and most of the students were from the Decatur Housing Authority and Corey Bivens, DHA Coordinator. As senior advisor, Joe has a big belief in pushing his students to work hard and do their best. He follows them for a year after graduation and his motto to his students is "when I call, you need to answer". Joe Lee shared that he is also the advisor for the Career Association Club; in which the students serve 10 hours of community service per year. His students also partner with the ROTC, and they host Christmas benefit events for the local homeless center, and the children bused in to have lunch, songs, gifts, and photos with Santa. Joe Lee works with the DeKalb County Special Olympics, and it is about helping others and giving back to the community. Joe shared that in 2020 the Jobs for Georgia hosted a five-state competition and his Career Association Club senior graduates, CSD JAGG program participated and won the competition. DHS senior student, Alex Myrick did the lyrics, and the team created a poem, slides, and music. They were awarded first place of \$2500 for their creation of the "Love Project: Lifting Our Voice for Equity" video and their project was presented at the National Youth Conference. Joe Lee also shared an update about the CSD fall semester being hybrid with some virtual and some in-person classes. The first 12 weeks are still optional. He will encourage his students in August 2021 to start applying for the (HBCU) Historically Black Colleges and Universities now.

Summary of DPI Site Visit and Sustainability Goals: Carol Treible and Terrie Moore: Carol shared that Terrie did a comprehensive slide presentation for the ASAPP Site visit. During the last five years, DPI met all the long-term goals and will be applying for the additional sustainability grant funding of \$19,000, with a focus on opioids drugs. Terrie started that we exceeded our goals with the nonmedical prescription drugs ages 9th and 12th graders.



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(continued) **Summary of DPI Site Visit and Sustainability Goals: Carol Treible and Terrie Moore:** Carol stated that DPI will sustain the following: 1) alcohol, marijuana, tobacco, and vaping with a significant decrease in these drugs.

2) keep Decatur Parent Network growing; students realize that their parents reject the use of drugs, we want to continue the Decatur Parent Network in the DFC grant, 3) CPAW/Coalition is committed to serve again, work on building relationships, 4) Youth Action Team (YAT), continue to build YAT group, recruit other youth leadership, 5) All-Stars Program, continue with prevention programs 6) Social Norms Campaigns, 7) Community Mobilization Action Team (CMAT) Parent team from Decatur Housing Authority, 8) DPI remain visible in the community. Carol stated that we want to sustain DPI's gains, goals, and statewide goals. Decatur has the second-highest drinking use among 6-12 grades and the top five in marijuana use among 6-12th grades. Terrie shared that DPI still waits for approval of the GBHDD, State sustainability grant for \$19,000. DPI plans to use 9,000 for opioid events and 10,000 for sustainability. DPI will be operating grant in September 2021 with ages 9-24yrs.

Youth Update and All Stars-Core-Recruitment/Potential Sites: Marnie Grozin shared that YAT is currently recruiting new members, with nine youth signed up for next year. One YAT youth is moving to Nashville, three new youth have signed up, with two 10th graders and one 11th grader and one male student is interested in joining the YAT. We continue to make YAT more diverse. A total of nine youth signed up for next year's YAT program and the new youth may want to attend this year's CADCA Mid-year Conference, July 12th thru July 15th. Terrie started that this invitation is also open to the coalition members. Marnie shared that next year we plan to have two independent YAT teams: one from middle school and one from CSD high school. Marnie said that the last month's YAT Trivia Night Virtual Event was a big success. There were two separate teams of youth (high school and middle school) competing in a fun, drug prevention trivia game. Marnie thanked Captain Menard again because he won the prize for trivia night, and he gave up his prize to a student. The coalition members are welcome to participate in future trivia night events with the youth and YAT teams. Terrie asked Mr. Lee, if possible, for the DPI's YAT can come into his classes to work with the youth next fall. Mr. Lee said that not until the 2nd semester. He stated that the students must come together bond as a group, and work on team leadership first. Marnie shared that the Decatur Rotary Club awarded DPI a grant to address mental health/suicide prevention for Decatur youth, socialization, safe space, special events like Halloween Hang-out. Some of the activities and programs are: "active minds" college health club; movies to address mental health and fun youth-led activities outside of school. DPI thanked Marnie again for writing and applying for this youth focus grant on her own.

ALL STARS Program – Marnie shared that she has All-Stars classes at DHA with 14 youth and the YMCA with 4-7 youth. Terrie shared that the ASAPP Grant will end in September 2021.

Partner Updates and Opportunities for Collaboration: Devon Johnson- Emory Center- MSAACD, Devon shared that Emory has a catalog of all their available resources, including posters, materials, brochures and wants to share with any coalition partners. **Kimberly Wilson – GUIDE,** Kimberly shared that GUIDE continues to work on the Opioid grant initiative and she completed the presentation classes in Redan High School. Their SPF grant ends this year. **Natalie Sanchez (CPACS- Health and Prevention),** Natalie shared that CPACS is working on other grants and the continuation of their current programs and plan to reach out to Corey Bivens, DHA for collaboration.

Isaac Howard (DeKalb DA Office Assistant Dist. Attorney), Isaac shared that DeKalb DA Office's Drug Court Program will also reach out to Natalie with CPACS to help coordinate and work with their diverse population.

Matthew Damico, (CSD-Security Central Director),



Damico shared that he plans to attend more coalition meetings in the future as he works through the duties and schedule of his new position.

Community Mobilization Action Team (CMAT), Dee Anderson and Terrie Moore, Terrie shared the CMAT slide show presentation from the ASAPP site visit. Dee shared that she conducted the DPI follow-up surveys to parents during the May Parent Celebration event. Terrie shared the results: 1) greatest concern is marijuana, alcohol, vaping, and prescription drugs, 2) mental health issues, bullying, sexual concerns, 3) DPI-felt people helping them and allowed them to participate with other parents, 4) great programs for Decatur families, 5) many have experience young adults moving back home, 5) Ms. Dee and Mr. Fred are great to work with. Terrie shared that many CMAT parents are now grandparents in the group and the CMAT program has been with DPI for 15 years. Recruitment and referral of new DHA parent residents are ongoing for the next few months. Our next CMAT meeting will be in person at the DHA's Oliver House on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 5:00 pm.

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Decatur Parent Network- DPN, Terrie shared that DPN needs new volunteers to work with the leadership team. The next speaker's series virtual event will be on August 26th and Stephen Hill will be a guest speaker, international drug overdose awareness.

Decatur HS 101 and DHS PTSA (Spring Events), Marnie shared that Decatur 101 is a DHS and staff program working with new families that have just moved to the Decatur District. There is a virtual follow-up session and maybe the DPN can host a park picnic with families. Marnie also shared the DHS-PTSA spring events were carnival day, field day, DHS graduation and before the graduation, DPI distributed water bottles with positive youth messages on them. Marnie said several DPI soap dispensers were distributed through the Decatur community and we need to deliver five additional dispensers.

SAMHSA Partnership for Success Grant -2024 (14-24yr old/underage drinking, opioids, stimulants, illegal drugs), **Tiffany Cuthbert**, Tiffany shared that the Agnes Scott College, Drug Prevention Campaign is “**Just Not Worth It**”

The grant focuses on the relationships you can lose using drugs. The program has a website www.justnotworthit.org.

DPI signages will be displayed on MARTA train stations, buses, shelters, movie theatres, billboards, and large ad areas in the City of Decatur. We want to reach the under 24yrs. population. Terrie stated that if you see one of the “**Just Not Worth It**” signage up, take a picture of yourself with it and send the photo to DPI. You may receive a small token or gift card.

CDC DFC Grant-2024 (18 and under/alcohol, nicotine, and marijuana), Terrie shared that Marnie is the project coordinator for the DFC grant and the program that will be used is called PreVenture. They will be attending a PreVenture Training on June 9th thru 11th and the program will kick off in August 2021. The program includes a sports element, physical activities, and healthy diets.

In closing, Terrie thanked everyone for their support and commitment to the DPI coalition.

Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm

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