



## COALITION MEETING

April 13, 2021

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

### Agenda

Zoom Meeting - 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-Dekalb County District Attorney's Office**

*Angel Riley, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney*

*Co-hosting Event 4/28*

- **Youth-Alcohol Awareness Month & Trivia Night (Marnie)**

- **Positive Messaging Underage Drinking: The common issue across all our current projects-Who needs a message?**

- **Sustainability-Three year plan (Carol)**

- **Partner Updates & Opportunities for Collaboration-Add dates and links in the chat**

- **Decatur Parent Network**

*-Volunteers needed*

*-April 22 Event Anti-Defamation League*

*-May 6<sup>th</sup> Speaker Event [DPI May Event](#)-*

- **DHS PTSA liaison-Spring Events**

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

*- Carryover (campaign-focused) APPROVED*

*-Idea Engineering-Illegal Drug Campaign*

*-Input for surveying 18-24 in community-virtual*

- **CDC DFC Grant-2024- (18 & under/ alcohol, nicotine, and marijuana)**

*-Positive Social Norms, Access, Policy*

*-Growing Membership*

- **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*

*-Partners In Prevention Proposal-Submitted*

- **NEXT MEETING: May 11th (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays @ 1:00)**

**A DECATUR PREVENTION  
INITIATIVE VIRTUAL  
EVENT FEATURING...**

**STEPHEN HILL**  
SPEAKER • AUTHOR  
ADVOCATE



***THE FIRST CHOICE & A SECOND CHANCE***

**FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS**

***AN INSPIRING STORY  
OF A YOUNG MAN'S  
BATTLE WITH ADDICTION  
AND JOURNEY TO RECOVERY.***

**THURSDAY  
MAY 6, 2021**

**6:30PM -  
8:00PM**





## COALITION MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2021

**Attendance (16):** A total of 16 participants in the virtual zoom meeting and conference call. Attendees were: Captain Gary Menard (Decatur Fire Rescue-*Healthcare*), Corey Bivens (Decatur Housing Authority- *Youth-Serving Org.*), Eve Helms (Decatur Housing Authority- *Youth-Serving Org.*), Deputy Chief Assistant Angel Riley (DeKalb County DA Office-*Law Enforcement*), Isaac Howard (DeKalb County DA Office-*Law Enforcement*), Duane Sprull (DHS-Decatur Career Academy-*Schools*), Stacey Stevens (Clairmont YMCA & Rotary-*Civic Org*), Myra Chao (CPACS-*Org with Prevention Expertise*), Lori Mallard (Bulloch Alcohol and Drug Council-guest), Devon Johnson (Emory Center- *MSAACD-Healthcare*), Lori Murphy (Medical Association of GA-MAG-*Healthcare*), Tiffany Cuthbert (DPI Epi), Carol Trieble (DPI-Evaluator), Marnie Grozin (DPI Youth Coordinator), Dee Anderson (DPI Outreach/Parent Coordinator), Terrie Moore (DPI Executive Director). Other sectors meet during evening times (parents, media, youth)

**Start:** 1:01 pm

**End:** 2:28 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 mission. The members introduced themselves and welcomed new members.

**Member Spotlight:** DeKalb County District Attorney's Office (Deputy Chief Assistant Angel Riley and Senior DA Isaac Howard) shared that their mission is to safeguard our community through vigorous and fair prosecution of felony offenses occurring within the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit. They believe in the power of engagement and building relationships with community partners for the betterment of DeKalb County. Angel shared that DeKalb County DA Office, Deputy Chief Sherry Boston, and several other community sponsors, including Decatur Prevention Initiative, will be hosting a webinar on "Sexed and Trafficked" on Thursday, April 29, 2021. The panelist will be student representatives from Agnes Scott College, HS students from DeKalb County Youth Commission, and community expert panelists. All the coalition members and the community are welcome to this free event. Isaac shared that he has worked seven years with the DeKalb County Drug Courts, and they have created three Tracks for the participants. He stated that Track#1 is for the high-risk individual, Track#2 is for the individual with moderate to low risk; and the Stride Program is for youth that abuse marijuana and other drugs. They are also now seeing young people misusing opioids from high-income families. Isaac stated that they have two separate tracks because you don't want to mix populations.

The Diversion and Community Alternatives Programs Unit encompasses alternatives to the District Attorney and the courts' prosecution and treatment programs. This Unit includes Accountability Courts such as Drug Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court. The Unit creates and administers alternative solutions allowing our community to receive justice while still allowing non-violent defendants to maintain employability and positive community engagement. He said that 90% of the youth are in the Stride Programs includes (BRT, Thinking for a Change, Behavior Change). Their pre-trial programs are (Stride and Diversion Program); the Pretrial Diversion Program provides first time-nonviolent offenders an opportunity to rehabilitate themselves through various corrective programs. Capt. Menard, Agnes Scott, and DPI plan to collaborate with the DeKalb County DA Office for future programs.



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**Youth-Alcohol Awareness Month and Trivia Night (Marnie Grozin):** Marnie shared that April is youth Alcohol Awareness month, and the DPI Youth Action Team (YAT) participated in the Decatur City Council Alcohol Awareness Proclamation Day. The YAT consists of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students from Renfroe Middle School, and in the past, YAT primarily consisted of Decatur High School students. Marnie shared a short video of the Alcohol Awareness Proclamation Day. The City made a special Proclamation Day presentation of Decatur Mayor Patty Garrett to the DPI's YAT team (virtually). The video also showed each YAT member and Marnie displaying a DPI hand sanitizer around the town (City of Decatur) with DPI's Alcohol Awareness, Positive Messaging Underage Drinking on each dispenser. The DPI placed hand sanitizers at the Decatur High School, Renfroe Middle School, Decatur Housing Authority Community Center, Decatur Active Living and Recreation Center, and Decatur Family YMCA. Isaac also requested some for the DeKalb's DA Office. Marnie invited the coalition to join the youth tonight from 7:30 pm thru 8:30 pm. The YAT is hosting a Trivia Night Virtual Event, with youth and firefighters competing in a fun drug prevention trivia game.

**Partner Updates and Opportunities for Collaboration:** Stacey Stevens from the Clairmont YMCA stated that only the teens are in the building right now. The youth are participating in online virtual programming. Wendy Jefferson shared that the DeKalb CSB continues to complete its surveys. Duane Sprull shared that the Decatur High School will host a type of Senior Prom Event this year. Duane will also help collect DHS Survey data. Decatur Parent Network: Terrie shared that DPN continues to look for volunteers for their leadership committee and speakers for their Parent Speaker Series. Corey Bivens shared that the DHA will host summer program lunches from June 1 thru July 9 and have no summer camping trips. Only the small group of All-Stars and middle school programs will be held at DHA Community Center at this time.

April 14 - Ice cream Social for all CSD grades

April 17 and April 24 – DHS Movie Nights and May 1 is Movie Night for Middle School

April 20 – Learn to Grow Town Hall (Virtual)- "No Menthol GA," how the big tobacco industry targets people of color.

April 22 – DPN – Parent Series "Cyberbullying and Parenting" @ 7:30 pm

April 22 – CMAT Parent April Team Meeting @ 6:00 pm

April 29 – DeKalb County DA Office - "Sexed and Trafficked" on Thursday, April 29, 2021, @ 6:00 pm

May 6 – DPI cohost with Statesboro, GA presents "The First Choice and A Second Chance" Stephen Hill, speaker. A virtual event for parents and educators. An inspiring story of a young man's battle with addiction and journey to recovery.

**Sustainability Grant (3-year plan)** Carol and Terrie asked, "How do we sustain the underage drinking grant in Decatur?" The state ASAPP grant funding will be ending September 30, 2021, and will not be renewed. What outcomes can we sustain, and who will be able to maintain the community efforts? Carol asked the coalition members which agencies will continue our efforts and support? We had an open discussion about this issue. The following agencies verbally agreed to continue support and help seek funding after the September grant ends Decatur Housing Authority, DeKalb County DA Office, City School of Decatur, Decatur YMCA, Decatur Fire Department. Terrie also stated that DPI still has funding for Drug-Free Communities (3.5 yrs.) and Partnership for Success (3.5 yrs.). Carol and Terrie mentioned that the Sustainability Report is due May 2. DPI also submitted two grants to the State for Rockdale and Clayton Counties.

**SAMHSA Partnership for Success Grant 2024 (14yr.-24yr.old, underage drinking, opioids, stimulants):**

Terrie shared that DPI received approval for the carryover funding for the SAMHSA Partnership for Success Grant 2024. Plans are to expend the funds on additional campaign and awareness activities.

**CDC DFC Grant-2024 (18 and under/alcohol, nicotine, and marijuana):** We need at least three additional sectors members from the faith-based representatives and fraternal groups/religious affiliation.



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**Youth Update and All Stars-Core-Recruitment/Potential Sites:** Marnie shared that there are five YAT members, one 7th grader, and four 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The plan is to create one YAT team at the DHS and one YAT team at the middle school, collaborate, and have a virtual meeting from sixth through twelfth grade. Terrie shared that we must promote positive social norms and the PIE concept in all our programs: Positive Inclusive and Empowering. Marnie stated that next year, the high school health classes are open to hosting evidence-based prevention programming. She is also exploring options for the Decatur YMCA and Renfroe Middle School. She is still looking for additional sites. The DHA Community Center's after-school program plans to host some All-Stars Programs when feasible.

**Community Mobilization Action Team – CMAT Parents:** Dee Anderson shared that during the April 22 CMAT monthly parent meeting, she will share all the DPI Alcohol Awareness Month calendar events and webinars. The parent team will also focus on planning our annual events held from May thru September 2021. The parents look forward to planning an actual in-person, small outside Mother's Day Celebration Luncheon, May 15.

**Other Upcoming Events:** Tiffany shared that she is working with Terrie on the upcoming April Cyberbullying webinar and The Executive Summary.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm

**Next Meeting: May 11, 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm) Virtual meeting**