



**Community Coalition**

**February 11, 2020 1:00-2:30**

**Decatur High School Hospitality Room**

**(In Performing Arts Center behind gym-Metered street parking)**

***Vision: To promote a healthy Decatur, free of the negative effects of alcohol and other drugs in youth and families.***

***Mission: To systematically implement evidence-based strategies to promote the behavioral health of youth and families.***

<u>1. Welcome/Introductions</u>	C. Bivens	Vision and Mission-T. Edwards Introductions-My sector? New Attendee Introductions
<u>2. Winter 2020 Partner Events</u>	C. Bivens	Member Report-Projects and Collaboratives 1) Screenagers 2) Parent Network (Safe Homes-ASAPP) 3) CADCA, Diversity Training, DEF Fundraiser
<u>3. Safe Medication Disposal Presentation</u>	Amaya Bennett, YAT	Includes pre/post and sign in
<u>4. CMAT</u>	D. Anderson	Upcoming Meeting/Projects 2/25 and 2/13 Black History Month events
<u>5. Partnership Grant</u>		Proposed programming-PreVenture Need 50 at-risk youth each community LGBTQ+ and others (RMS?) Young adult surveys
<u>6. Drug Free Communities</u>	T. Moore and M. Grodzin	Underage Drinking-Retail access Marijuana and Nicotine (inc. vaping) 8 <sup>th</sup> grade All Stars
<u>Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention Project-ASAPP</u>	T. Moore	Safe Homes, 6h grade All Stars and Tobacco Referrals-Status Emory Posters
<u>7. Youth Action Teams</u>	YAT M. Grodzin	Upcoming Plans GTI Recruitment-June 8-11 Alcohol Awareness Month 3/16
<u>8. Report out of Upcoming events</u>	Committee Members	February- Advocacy V4P 2/20 March-Proclamation (requested 3/16) Drug Awareness Week and Alcohol Awareness Month-April Prom 4/25 Cinema Drive 4/23 Jrs/Srs. 4-5:30 Open Event May Graduation GTI June 8-11 GTI
<u>9. Sustainability-Update</u>	Director	Drug-Free Coalition-Matching Funds SPF-Partnership for Success ASAPP thru Sept 2021 Other sources?
<u>10. Next Meeting</u>		March 10 Break Out meetings

Please remember that if you want further documentation of anything discussed in this meeting, to email your project director at [decaturprevention@gmail.com](mailto:decaturprevention@gmail.com). We are happy to share.



Decatur Prevention Initiative

Coalition Meeting Notes: February 11, 2020 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Decatur High School (DHS) – Hospitality Room

**Attendance (8):** Kimberly Wilson (GUIDE-prevention agency), Stacey Stevens (Decatur Rotary and Clairmont YMCA-civic group), Corey Bivens (Decatur Housing Authority-youth serving org), Tiffany Cuthbert (DPI), Marnie Grodzin (DPI Youth Coordinator), Amaya Bennett (Youth), Scott Tewell (PTSA-parent), Terrie Moore (DPI Executive Director). *See the attached sign-in form.*

**Start:** 1:15 pm

**End:** 2:45 pm

Notes provided by Tiffany Cuthbert/Kimberly Wilson

- 1. Welcome/Introductions:** Corey Bivens welcomed members and introduced new members. Scott Tewell from the Decatur PTA was a new member. Scott stated his intention to be a regular attendee. Cuthbert read the DPI vision and mission. The first DPI brochure was shared and Tiffany was thanked for her work. It is so impressive and was a great addition to our recent meeting with our elected officials in Washington.
- 2. Winter 2020 Partner Events:** Marnie Grodzin shared the success of *Screenagers*, an award-winning film that probes into the vulnerable corners of family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video games, and academics. The film offers solutions on how we can help our kids navigate the digital world while focusing on mental/behavioral health and building resiliency. One hundred and seventy-five (175) youth and parents participated. Representatives from various communities were in attendance—additional communities who attended: North Druid Hills, North Decatur and Avondale.

Corey Bivens discussed the latest *Decatur Parents Network speaker series on Technology and Mental Health*. The panel consisted of CSD school personnel, therapists from Pathways Transition Center and the Community Service Board, and Suzanne Kosmerl, a local expert on parenting, social media and technology. The speaker series is another way to build awareness and encourage parents to engage with other parents. Forty-two parents attended this event, not including staff at the latest presentation. Pathways and the CSB have school-based therapists to offer

some support in the schools. The speaker series was able to build on the momentum of the Screenagers event, as it's topic was also Mental Health and Technology. February's topic is sexuality and parenting.

Marnie Grodzin and Kimberly Wilson expressed their gratitude for the Beyond Diversity training hosted by the Decatur Education Foundation. Beyond Diversity™ is a powerful, personally transforming two-day seminar designed to help leaders, educators, students, parents, administrators, and community participants understand the impact of race on student learning and investigate the role that racism plays in institutionalizing academic achievement disparities. Participants engaged in a thoughtful, compassionate exploration of race and racism during the seminar allows the participants to move forward to dismantle the racism that adversely impacts students of color. There was a total of 60 attendees. Dee Anderson was also in attendance.

Amaya Bennett presented the *Generation Rx Safe Medication Practices* presentation to parents as part of the AmerisourceBergen Foundation Youth Action Team grant deliverable. Generation Rx is an evidence-informed prevention education and awareness program designed for anyone to use to educate people of all ages about safe medication practices and the potential dangers of misusing prescription medications. The attendees agree to lock up their medication to prevent prescription drug misuse and abuse. A pre- and post-test was collected before and after the presentation.

The Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) Conference was held February 3-6 in National Harbor, Maryland. Terrie Moore was in attendance. In 2019, CADCA offered three weeks of training in Charlotte. During this time, it was required by attendees to produce 5-6 products and receive feedback. Marnie Grodzin spearheaded the needs assessment and submitted it to the Board. There were no revisions needed.

Decatur Housing Authority STARS program will host a Black History Month by offering educational and interactive opportunities on Thursday, February 13, at Ebster Beacon Hill. Corey also spoke about the Decatur Business Association Black History Month Celebration with Lou Gosset, Jr. and with the narrator, Elizabeth Wilson on February 25.

3. **Sustainability – Update-** Terrie shared that DPI is officially a 501.C3 non-profit and has a Drug Free Communities grant and stated that the state grant funding would end in September 2021. The SPF Partnership for Success, in partnership with Bulloch Alcohol and Drug Council, is also underway, and she is seeking more partners to work with emerging young adults. Stacey shared that we could survey young adults at the YMCA (she is on staff there). Any federal funding is carefully aligned not to supplant state block grant efforts and to cover some areas previously identified in our various needs assessments.
4. **Partnership Grant and Sectors –** Terrie stated that the Partnership grant would need to provide services for at least fifty selected or indicated underserved youth ages fourteen and older. DPI will be looking at participants from the at-risk LGBTQ youth population in Decatur. Also, this grant will be working young adults and will focus on Agnes Scott College students, foster care population, social workers, and community service board. Terrie Moore is looking for four people in Decatur who have mental health experience (i.e., counselors, etc.) to receive training and offer a new prevention program. This program, *Preventure*, looks at personality types and involves a 10 question survey and two 90- minute workgroups.

For example, “How are you responding to a life event?” may be a question. Preventure is for 14-18-year-olds, and DPI would be the first to use this evidence-based program in GA.

Congratulations to Marnie Grodzin! She is the Part-Time Project Coordinator for the DFC grant. She will retain her duties as the ASAPP Youth Coordinator. She currently teaches All Stars to 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Renfroe (120+ a year) under the ASAPP grant. Our DFC grant has allowed us to fill a gap in the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade health classes, and she will reach over 325 8<sup>th</sup> graders before the end of this school year.

Scott Tewell discussed the need for an evidenced-based program for a multi-session, long-term support for parents to focus on substance misuse. It would be a closed group for 6-8 weeks and last approximately one hour. Terrie Moore is going to explore the idea further.

- 5. Youth Action Teams (YAT)** –Marnie Grodzin reported that we need to recruit and train new YAT members for next year due to most members graduating. There are scholarships available for Georgia Teen Institute. The YAT’s Amerisource project is to conduct several presentations on Safe disposal and storage of prescription drugs. Their first group is the DPI CPAW this month and they will train the DHA CMAT Parent team next month.

**6. Upcoming Proposed Events:**

Marnie Grodzin – Gathered and Grounded – “Future Forward” for the LBGTQ youth – March 14th

Duane Sprull – “Cinema Drive,” a 3D Experience Movie, (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade) DHS – PAC, April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
After-school event to be co-sponsored by DPI to include community youth and parents.

Terrie Moore – Alcohol Awareness Month is in April. Decatur’s mayor will present a proclamation to the youth at the March City Council meeting to DPI youth action team members. We are hoping some of our adults can also be there. HINT

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 3**