**Members Present:**

**Name: Organization: Sector:**

Ellen Genrich Boone County Health Dept. Local Government

Debbie Jarvis Community Parent

Alyssa Lazzerini Boone County Drug Prevention Coalition Program Director

Jessica Jordan Boone County Drug Prevention Coalition Intern

Brain Swanson Belvidere High School School

Steve Tallacksen Boone County Sheriff Law Enforcement

Mike LaScola District 100 School

Melissa Bucalo Youth Services Network Youth Serving

**Guests or Other Community:** **0**

**Agenda Topics Covered**

1. **Introductions:**
* All members went around the table to introduce themselves in case of new members have not met everyone. Melissa Bucalo from YSN reported that she will be taking over for Susan Rader and will be highlighting the budget monthly at meetings beginning in November.
1. **Announcements:**
* Ellen reminded everyone about the Applebee’s Flapjack fundraiser and that 2 dates were provided for the 22nd or the 29th of February. This was put to a vote and members voted on the 29th to hold a fundraiser.
* Ellen reported an update on the death trends related to vaping, there are now 33 reported deaths and over 1400 cases nationwide as of 10/18/2019.
* Alyssa informed everyone that she and Jessica attended vaping training through Rosecrance with presenter Matthew Quinn. Alyssa shared some information that she learned and will use some of that information in her upcoming presentation with the Rockford Cosmo Club.
* Alyssa reminded everyone that she still needs more students for the Youth Leadership Council and to continue recruitment as well as recruitment for the IYS. She will be meeting with Megan Nilson with North Boone High School on 10/25 as she expressed interest in helping with the council. Mike LaScola requested more information for the Belvidere Schools. Alyssa will reach out and meet with school leaders concerning this topic and the Illinois Youth Survey so all schools are participating.
* Alyssa informed members that she and Todd created a parent survey and have started implementing it at community events to help collect data. Melissa and Alyssa implemented surveys at Seth Whitman during parent night last week and Alyssa and Jessica will attend Chrysler Staywell fair from 8-8 on Wednesday and will administer parent surveys and give educational materials out as well.
* Ellen reported that after going through the budget and receiving a new DFC award, there may be unspent funds that may allow more coalition members to attend the CADCA Leadership Forum in February 2020 from the 2nd-7th. Members are encouraged to reach out to Alyssa or Ellen if they are interested in attending.
1. **Website Update:**
	* Jessica updated everyone on the progress that she has been making with the new coalition website. She showed everyone the old website to compare. The new coalition will be up and running by the end of November.
2. **Elevator Speech:**
* Alyssa presented on the importance of elevator speeches in order to make sure everyone in the coalition is on the same page and able to provide information to the community on our programs and how we can be a resource to the community. Members worked together to write their own elevator speeches and shared them with the group. Alyssa will compile the examples as guidelines or tools for all members to use in the meeting minutes in the future if they need help talking about the coalition in general. Alyssa reminded all members that elevator speeches come in handy for our individual initiatives as well such as talking to schools about the Youth Leadership Council or the Illinois Youth Survey and to make sure they do their part as members to share that information with their respective institutions.
1. **Treasurer’s Report:**
* No changes have been made at this time.
1. **Behavioral Taskforce:**
* Deb reported that the Behavioral Taskforce was just awarded a very large grant for 3 years to provide Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT program) services to those in the jail or presenting with substance misuse disorders related to opioids. Those in this program will also be provided many resources and case management to help reduce repeat offenders in the jail and to help increase survival and sobriety rates among those struggling with and opioid use disorder. The Behavioral Taskforce will be hiring for their positions soon.
1. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting Date and Time:**

November 18th , 2019 at 3:30-4:30 PM

**Location:** 1204 Logan Ave. Belvidere, IL 61008- Conference Room

**Questions?** Contact the Boone County Drug Prevention Coalition Program Director, Alyssa Lazzerini at 815-547-8388 or by email at BCDPC@boonehealth.org .