

Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use

March 7, 2023

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

The Illinois Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use allows stakeholders to:

- Share current youth substance use prevention efforts being implemented in the State of Illinois.
- Share information on best practices to reduce youth substance use.
- Share data and research on efforts to reduce youth substance use.
- Review the Illinois STOP ACT report.
- Unify prevention efforts in the State of Illinois.

Meeting Minutes

Rafael Rivera, Ph.D., MBA, Chief of Staff, IDHS Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery

- Welcome
- The meeting is now called the Alliance on Reducing Youth Substance Use
- Introduction of new Deputy Director, Samantha Alonis
- Thanks to everyone for their work on the structure of Alliance meetings.
- STOP Act survey will be due soon.

Jody Heavilin, APRC Administrator, Prevention First

- Introduction of new Resource Center Program Assistant, Bryant Laiche

Kenneth Williams, Liquor Control Supervisor, Central Region, Division of Enforcement, Illinois Liquor Control Commission

- Pending legislation that has been or will be proposed around liquor control.
 - Cocktails to go. SB 43 has been proposed to remove the provision for cocktails to go. If passed, it means cocktails to go will be here permanently in IL.
 - SB 70 & SB 2000: coupons and how they can be provided to outlets.
 - HB 1557: Defines what a music venue is. Requires venues over a certain capacity when operational to have an opioid antagonist on site and a person trained while in operation. Does not provide timing for training.
 - HB 2399: Changes how winery shipping is done in IL. Requires that currently unlicensed, unregistered providers would have to become registered. Prohibits a carrier from delivering known wine delivery to a person who is underage signer. Monthly reports from winery shippers. Gives the commission the ability to revoke a license from an IL Licensee who ships to another state in violation of the laws of that state.
 - HB 2502 & SB 2433: update the definition of alco-pops. Prohibits placement near soda, juice, etc. Extends jurisdiction to parents or subsidiaries. Prohibitions to providing things of value to a retailer.
 - SB 2193: anyone licensed in or out of state as a brewery would be allowed to ship product directly to consumer.
 - SB 2216: extends additional licenses to allow breweries to sell samples up to 96oz. Allows distributors to do the same. Increases transfer limits. Updates

special use permits. Authorizes for incentives for participation in customer loyalty programs (“mug clubs”).

Annabelle Heddell, Illinois Higher Education Center, EIU

- Working on revamping IHEC to make it more beneficial.
- Asking affiliates what they need from IHEC.
- Streamline and meet schools where they are. (ie. Naloxone distribution)
- Brand new newsletter and social media.
- Will have the Spring Affiliate meeting in person this year—tentative location of Springfield.
- Rafael asked to clarify what IHEC is:
 - Works with 2 and 4-year institutions
 - Touch base for all alcohol and drug prevention programs
 - Core survey every 2 years; compiled and sent to state
 - In past years, performed site visits. Reviewed policies and accessed their current standing.

Jody Heavilin, APRC Administrator, Prevention First

- Cocktails To Go legislation – created a Prevention Action Alert. High-level overview. Steps to how to report a violation.
- Webinar with Dr. Jason Kilmer. Presenting on April 13th, 10-11:30 AM. Topic is Prevention Messaging.
- Aaron White webinar happened in January. Available on the APRC Website. A copy of his slides is available. Contact Jody if you would like them.
- 5 more alcohol compliance checks are upcoming:
 - Aurora, Dekalb, Bensonville, Champaign, Springfield.
- Law enforcement can sign up through MTU.
- Creating a youth training toolkit to accompany compliance check training.

Jacob Levinson, CPRC Administrator, Prevention First

- Questions from previous meeting around State Police’s role around enforcement efforts.
 - Violations that occur during monthly inspections at dispensaries.
 - All violations are reported to dept of agriculture and IDPFR
 - Diversion or theft is referred to local law enforcement.
 - Compliance checks and how they are performed
 - They perform undercover or underage compliance checks
 - Conducted by ISP personnel
 - Underage individual acting under the direction of law enforcement are sent into a dispensaries with their ID. If they are turned way, they return. If a transaction is performed, the receipt is turned over to the police officer.
 - Roadside testing
 - At ISP, they rely on drug recognition officers. They are currently testing one method. Vista Flow swab. Not able to find anything that is cost effective, easy to use, and accurate. Constantly looking for new methods.
 - How can coalitions support

- Promote public safety and information through PSA
- PPT presentations are available to LEO and coalitions.
- Email Jake (Jacob.levinson@prevention.org) for more info on presentations.
- More states coming online with adult use cannabis programs. Great work being done out of U of Washington. In December they released a report around high THC products. Compared state level policies.
- Dr. Ashley Brooks-Russell – Colorado State Pueblo. Webinar March 23 10am.
- Rafael asks: as surrounding states start selling retail cannabis, is the amount of cannabis sales expected to decrease in towns that are across the border?
 - Jake will submit to ISP and get an answer. Will depend on how quickly dispensaries come on line close to the border.
 - Joseph Alger noted that they did see a decrease near the border to Missouri.
- Rafael asks: would we expect potential increases in youth use in border towns due to increased access?
 - May take a few more years of IYS data to determine that. Individual states policies also make an impact on this.
- Rafael asks: as surrounding states start having their own cannabis retail programs and we know there are cross border transport of cannabis – does ISP have a specific program or project focused on this issue?
 - Jake will submit to ISP and get an answer.
- Kelly O'Connor asks: Does ISP have data on compliance checks already conducted?
 - The information comes from their annual report and is broad information.
- Kenny Williams asks: Are ISP and IDPFR working together on violations? Does IDPFR persue criminal investigation?
 - Yes. They are referred to IDPFR.
- Kris Zerfass asks: There were 2 NHTSA billboards on the highway. Who is in contact with NHTSA and do you have any connections?
 - Jake will do some digging into this.
- Samantha Gallagher-Gannon asked: Are compliance checks also checking for marketing?
 - Will check on that.

Robyn Block, YPRC Administrator, Prevention First

- Applications are available for the 2023-2024 Student Advisory Board.
- Applications from incoming 9th graders through 11th graders.
- Need representation from all areas of the state.
- Please share within your networks.
- Samantha Alonis asks: What areas are underserved in the state:
 - Southern and eastern parts of the state. Effingham down.
- Due on April 15th
- April O'Connor asks: Is there an opportunity for us to share some of the work that the youth are doing?
 - We can share resources with you

Open to attendees for announcements

- Annabelle Heddell: <https://www.eiu.edu/ihec/upcomingevents.php>

- Jody Heavilin: In alcohol compliance check training, always speaks to the importance of coalitions and the work done. LEOs want to be a part of the work coalitions are doing.
- Hanna Wierzba: hosting a webinar 3/8 at 7:30 pm. Dr Aaron Weiner. Three ways to create emotional stability in a changing world. Targeted towards adults/parents. Register because if you can not attend, you can receive a link to the recording.

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- Thank you everyone for attending.

**SFY 23 Meeting Schedule – 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 6, 2023**