

Illinois Alliance on Reducing Underage Drinking

June 1, 2022

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

The Illinois Alliance on Reducing Underage Drinking allows stakeholders to:

- Share current underage drinking prevention efforts being implemented in the State of Illinois.
- Share information on best practices to reduce underage drinking.
- Share data and research on efforts to reduce underage drinking.
- Review the Illinois STOP ACT report.
- Provide a unified front for underage drinking prevention efforts in the State of Illinois.

MEETING MINUTES

Rafael Rivera, IDHS

Rafael opened the meeting by welcoming new members to the Illinois Alliance and providing a brief overview of items discussed during the March 2, 2022 meeting. Two substance-related items Rafael shared included there has been an increase in laced Fentanyl, as well as an increase in counterfeit pills. Rafael noted the STOP ACT survey is out, and data is being gathered for the report. Lastly, as FY22 comes to a close, Rafael thanked prevention professionals and those on the call for all their hard work in reducing underage alcohol use.

Jody Heavilin, Prevention First APRC

Jody welcomed all to the meeting and provided an overview of the agenda and featured speakers for the meeting.

Randyl Wilkins, Prevention First YPRC

Randyl introduced two current members of the Student Advisory Board (SAB). Alisha and McKenna discussed the work they are a part of as members of the SAB mental health committee. Currently, the mental health committee is working on a guide for parents on communicating with their teens about mental health needs and issues. Randyl noted the SAB is looking forward to moving to more in-person activities throughout FY23.

Randyl also discussed a training that Prevention First can provide called “QPR.” QPR is a training that focuses on the steps of Question, Persuade, and Refer. Gatekeeper training teaches participants how to recognize and respond to

warning signs that someone may be thinking about suicide and what to do. Training is provided virtually or in-person, and typically the course is around 1-2 hours and can be customized for the audience

Shannon Alderman, Impaired Driving Program Coordinator, Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering

Shannon provided an overview of a new campaign focusing on cannabis and impaired driving. The “It’s Not a Game” multimedia campaign continues the comprehensive approach of IDOT to reduce injuries and fatalities on Illinois roadways.

Marni Basic, IYS Coordinator, Center for Prevention Research and Development

Marni shared that 2022 IYS data collection is wrapping up and has been a challenge in all ways. Numbers fall between 2018 and 2020, with about 740 schools surveyed. We anticipate approximately 150 district reports and around 50 county reports. We will have sample reports for Suburban Chicago and Other Urban/Suburban counties, but the status of Chicago and Rural counties is not yet determined.

Joanne Glancy, Project Oz

Joanne provided an overview of the prevention services at Project Oz and highlighted their Mental Health Awareness and Suicide prevention program called “Ending the Silence.” Joanne shared details of the Project Oz peer drug prevention team (Youth Action Board) activities.

Matt Workman, Illinois Liquor Control Commission

Matt provided updates on behalf of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC). Matt spoke about the Under Age Compliance Check (UACC) details that the ILCC field agents conduct. Matt noted a lack of Underage Compliance Assistants (UAC) and that ILCC is currently recruiting 18 and 19-year-old individuals throughout Illinois.

Jody Heavilin, Prevention First APRC

Jody told the group to expect the Special Events toolkit soon and an infographic on Engaging Law Enforcement. The APRC aims to create more toolkits and customizable resources in FY 23. Two upcoming webinars – 1. Supporting Law Enforcement Efforts with Nancy McGee on June 21st and 2. The Untapped

Potential of Alcohol Policy for Cancer Prevention with Dr. Raimee Eck on June 28th. The APRC is hosting an Alcohol Compliance Check law enforcement training on June 13th in Mundelein. They are also exhibiting at the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association conference in East Peoria from June 15th – 17th. The APRC newsletter is published each month – if a coalition wants an event or successful venture featured, please contact Jody Heavilin. The APRC continues to collect coalition information for the interactive map that will be located on the APRC webpage.

Please mark the following dates and times for the FY23 Illinois Alliance meetings:

- **September 13th, 2022, 2:30 – 4:00 PM**
- **December 6, 2022, 2:30 – 4:00 PM**
- **March 7th, 2023, 2:30 – 4:00 PM**
- **June 6, 2023, 2:30 – 4:00 PM**