

**West Side Youth Development Coalition (WSYDC)
Coalition Meeting
June 29, 2016 3:00 – 4:30 PM
West Side Community Services**

➤ **Meeting Minutes:**

o Welcome and Introductions: Jonathan Lindner (3:00- 3:05)

Welcome to many old friends, as well as many new, including Paul Perez from the Mayor's Office of Citizen Services, newly appointed chief Joe Gramaglia of the B-District, and Aaron Naegely from the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

o Director's Announcements: William Wieczorek (3:05 -3:10)

Discussion of the coalition and its role as a public outreach effort of Buffalo State. Buffalo State is beginning to better understand its community efforts through its work with the Democracy Collaborative and its Anchor Dashboard Learning Cohort, which recently met in Buffalo and included two coalition champions in one of its panel discussions, Cheryl Moore of the Erie County Department of Health and Mary Beth Billings, D-District Community Police Officer.

o Erie County Opiate Task Force Update: Alan Delmerico (3:10-3:15)

Task force is pressing forward. Partnership for Success efforts are being integrated into efforts. Nate Attard developed the task force brochure, which is being used within the coalition area for PFS and outside by anyone with a copier. Nate was also involved in developing a script on stigma which was recorded and will air as a YouTube video created by the task force. Meeting continue monthly and coalition is represented on most workgroups either by members or close allies.

o Coordinator's Announcements: Nate Attard, Jonathan Lindner and Marla Fulton (3:15 - 3:30)

Since last meeting, PFS strategies were approved. Nate gave a brief overview of the strategies and discussed progress in moving forward on each; success in promoting disposal event through co-hosting of Opiate Overdose Awareness Walk on April 30, which brought additional attention to Buffalo State drop-off location. Black Balloon Day and Global Day of Action events, co-hosted with the Task Force and with D'Youville College, brought media attention and exposure to the coalition. PFS carryover money is extending a social marketing campaign around prescription drug disposal and Naloxone access and training. Coalition has participated in all City of Buffalo Clean Sweeps, passing out information to thousands of households. DFC title sponsorship of Taste of Diversity increased name recognition with an estimated 5,000 attendees throughout the day and record sales, according to the organizers. Buffalo State certificate program moving forward for Health Promotion Sciences; Jon Lindner to continue outreach to Greek organizations and athletes during spring semester. Students in HEW 412 to develop collaborative projects with coalition.

o Update from Sue Ventresca: Review of Draft Buffalo Public Schools Opioid Policy (3:30- 3:45)

Sue Ventresca went over a draft of the policy (see attached). Coalition set goal of more closely following Board of Education and its actions to understand how its decisions impact the health of district students.

o Youth and Community Initiatives: Michele Graves, Sam Lunetta (3:45 – 3:55)

Michelle involved with first ever Native American Festival on Unity Island; representations from all six Iroquois Nations; strong interest in collaborating with us on prevention initiatives expressed by individual attendees. Art as History Project of the Black Rock Historical Society to take place again this Fall with additional schools involved. CHSR discretionary funds to support enrollment of local youth in Roller Derby camp.

o Fundraiser & Signage Sponsorship with Buffalo Soccer Council: Russ Andolina (3:55-4:00)

Fundraiser on July 13 at Hot Mama's Canteen; field construction funding is looking likely; approvals moving forward. Coalition to display banner at field when complete to recognize continued support and sponsorship of Pitch In Buffalo efforts.

o Updates and challenges from community members: (4:00 – 4:30)

Discussion of new Erie County Opiate Addiction hotline through Crisis Services; time of establishment is delayed in reference to article published by Nate Attard in early April in Buffalo News; two months have elapsed since then and issues slowing its establishment were discussed.