

Joint Juvenile Justice Council of Iroquois Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2022

I. WELCOME

The Juvenile Justice Council of Iroquois County held a meeting on Friday, June 10, 2022. The meeting commenced from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Iroquois County Courthouse Breakroom in Watseka. The meeting provided members the options of attending either in-person or via Zoom. A reminder email including a copy of the meeting agenda and Zoom link was sent to the coalition beforehand.

Verbal introductions were heard while Barb King (Chairperson) welcomed everyone in-person and via Zoom to the meeting. Those attending in person were reminded to sign in.

Members present at the meeting were:

- Barb King — Iroquois County Probation Department, Iroquois County Juvenile Justice Council Chairperson, Law Enforcement Sector Representative
- Jenni McTaggart — Iroquois County State's Attorney Office, DFC Grant Project Coordinator
- Sarah Pree — Iroquois County State's Attorney Office, DFC Grant Communication Campaign and YPE Coordinator
- Julie Sluis – Family Services with the Arc, Civic/Volunteer Sector Representative
- Gina Greene - Iroquois County Public Health Department, Healthcare Sector Representative
- Mary Kay Lavicka - Iroquois Memorial Hospital, Healthcare Representative
- Joelle Conner-Nelson - Harbor House, Civic Sector Representative
- Ryan Roe – Army National Guard Staff Sergeant, Investigative Case Support Analyst for the Counterdrug Task Force for the Illinois State Police, Military Sector Representative
- Chas Cox - Civil Services

II. GRANT(S) NEWS

Jenni McTaggart shared information with the coalition about the grant continuation and upcoming changes. The Drug Free Communities grant continuation has been submitted through the ONDCP (Office of National Drug Control Policy) for the next year of funding (September 30, 2022 – September 29, 2023) and we are waiting approval. She outlined the changes here:

- a. We will purchase Youth Prevention Education (YPE) workbooks this year for 7th – 9th/10th grade students
- b. We will advertise in the Country Theatre Workshop playbill again this year
- c. We will advertise at the Onarga Theater again this year
- d. We will advertise in the Watseka Athletic Booster Club's sports program, the Iroquois West Booster Club Sports program, and the Central Athletic Booster Club's sports program again this year.
- e. We have added money in the booth fees budget to include the Business Expo and Watseka Festival
- f. We plan to purchase gift cards for teachers instructing the YPE programming next year

- g. We plan to purchase promotional items for hand-outs through Iroquois Print, Carley Advertising and/or promotional catalogs – pens, air fresheners
- h. We plan to purchase t-shirts for youth groups in the area through Massey Design

III. YOUTH PREVENTION EDUCATION

Both Jenni McTaggart and Sarah Pree gave a youth prevention education year-end summary and commented on how the schoolyear had gone while Pree shared slides.

- **I-KAN'S LEC PROGRAMMING** - McTaggart spoke about her teaching K-6th grade students through Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education's Life Education Center visits. She commented that because of COVID restrictions, they did not use the unit this year. Rather, she went into the schools and taught the lessons in the classrooms in Donovan, Iroquois West, Crescent City, St. John's, St. Paul's, Watseka, Cissna Park, and Milford. She noted that this form of delivering the prevention content was somewhat less magical. I-KAN recently announced that they are not planning to use the unit in the upcoming school year. McTaggart stated: The JJC partners with the Iroquois-Kankakee Regional Office of Education in the implementation of the Life Education Center programming. All Iroquois County schools received the K-6th grade programming except for Central District #4. All programming was implemented in the actual classrooms or auditoriums this year due to Covid and air quality control within the units. It was not ideal, but worked for this year. We hope to return to the units in the future, but will wait and see how Covid progresses.
- **TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS PROGRAMMING:** Pree reminded those in attendance that the JJC provided the Too Good for Drugs Curriculum for 7th graders, 8th graders, and High School Health students in Donovan, Crescent City, St. John's, Cissna Park, and Milford this year. It is taught by each school's teachers and the JJC provides the program and materials and offers support.

Pree reminded the group that they had updated the high school program for the upcoming school year. During COVID she and McTaggart recorded themselves teaching the programs and shared the videos with YPE teachers for use during both their remote instruction and implementation needing to follow social distancing guidelines. Some teachers have continued to use the videos for students to make up a lesson that they have missed or for a substitute to utilize when the teacher is absent. Several teachers have shorter class periods and the recorded lessons condense the materials into a 30-minute lesson which often fits better into their plans.

This year we recognized teachers and their students for completing the program on TIP's Facebook page by posting a Certificate of Completion, congratulatory wishes, and a brief explanation of the programming. The JJC's page then shared the posts and reminded the kids to make healthy choices over the summer. We had asked the teachers to share pictures of their students with their completion certificates, but received none. We did receive pictures from 2 classrooms during their implementation however that we were able to use on social media.

IV. COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Pre utilized slides to catch the group up on the coalition's campaign and activities over the past school year.

- **Silverware Packet/Takeout Container Stickers** – The JJC has purchased the silverware packets and DFC grant money has paid for the stickers that provide prevention TIPs for parents in addition to directing them to our website and Facebook page. We reached out to area school, church, and civic organizations who were hosting fundraising meals and offered to donate our stickered silverware packets. The initiative started last September and we have reached residents throughout the county in almost every town. To date, almost 8,000 packets have been distributed. We still have packets available, so please let us know if you hear of any upcoming meals that could use our donation of silverware.
- **Toilet Times** – Three issues of the Toilet Times are provided each school year for area junior and senior high schools, youth centers, Iroquois Mental Health Center, and the Courthouse. Everyone is pretty excited when we deliver a new issue. Each bathroom reader focuses on at least one of the substances that our grant addresses – marijuana, alcohol, and vaping/tobacco. The Fall issue addressed healthy coping skills, risk factors of underage marijuana use, and truths about underage drug use. The Winter issue touched on risk factors of underage vape use and the importance of resiliency. It also included a QR code that linked to a government website designed to offer help for quitting vape/tobacco use. Finally, the spring issue taught how to deal with bullying behavior, the importance of kindness which included a kindness challenge, and risk factors for underage alcohol use.
- **TIP the Scale Tuesday Local Celebrity Facebook TIPs and Radio PSA's on WGFA and WIBK** – To date, we have featured approximately 60 local celebrities on Facebook. These celebrities are recognized for their work in our community and they offer helpful TIP(s) for area families on a broad range of subjects. Celebrities are then asked to record themselves reading a PSA that is pulled from the advice that they provided. If you know of any individual that has not yet been featured that you think would be an excellent candidate, please reach out and let us know. This initiative has helped us to reach a larger audience.
- **WGFA Hotline Interviews** – The last three interviewees have been Renee Wellborn (Gilman-Danforth District Librarian) who spoke about our upcoming silverware packet initiative/the importance of libraries/upcoming library events, Watseka Police Officer Scott Muench who provided TIPs to parents for keeping their teens safe during prom season, and Iroquois County State's Attorney Jim Devine who discussed how parents can keep their teens safe at graduation celebrations and other teen gatherings. Gina Greene will be participating in our next interview on July 15th at 8:15 a.m. to discuss the Hidden in Plain Sight display and prize drawing at the fair.
- **Watsaka Area Chamber of Commerce Drive Thru Local To-Go Event** – We were asked to donate 250 items that would be placed in bags and handed out to promote local businesses. We provided 250 TIP the Scale notepads for this event that was held in October at Watseka High School.
- **Harold's Thanksgiving Coloring Contest** – The JJC partnered with I-KAN to put on a coloring contest for all K-6th grade students and teachers who receive the Life Education Center programming. Students were asked to both color the LEC's mascot Harold the Giraffe as he enjoyed partaking in healthy activities for which he was thankful. Then, the participants were asked to share what they were most thankful for. This initiative was quite successful, as 1,581 coloring sheets were distributed to area schools and 433 student

and teacher entries were received. Numerous courthouse employees assisted in judging the contest. All participants received a rubber bracelet featuring the TIP the Scale website and Harold. Each winner also received a certificate, a stuffed Harold the Giraffe, and the fame of being named and pictured on our TIP Facebook page as well as in all local papers. I-KAN plans to host its own coloring contest during the upcoming Red Ribbon Week in October.

- **Vape Escape Room Activity** – The premise of this activity is that participants are “trapped” in a room with teens who are vaping. They must solve a sequence of activities, puzzles, and clues that lead them to discover the risks associated with vaping and develop life skills to escape the vape. We debuted this activity with Donovan SADD Students during No Vape November. After our first run with the Vape Escape Rooms, we realized that it would be best to have smaller groups complete the activity. RaDonna Hasselbring (Watseka High School counselor) helped us to implement the activity with Watseka HS Freshmen at the end of March. We are thinking that in order to be most impactful moving forward, we should implement the program ourselves with small groups. Then we can ensure that the students are completing the tasks in sequential order, reading all of the information on vaping harms provided, and participating in the educational review at the end of the activity. We plan to beef up the program with additional information before we take the activity to more schools in the upcoming school year.
- **Christmas Tree Lane Contest at the Old Courthouse Museum** – The JJC decorated a tree at the Old Courthouse Museum as part of its Annual Christmas Tree Lane Contest. Visitors are invited to tour the museum during December to get in the holiday spirit by seeing the decorated trees and voting for their favorites. This activity helped us to get our name and what we do out in to the community to those who visited the display and those who read about it in the local papers. We adorned our tree with ornaments that named all of our member agencies, vendors, schools, and initiatives. We won 1st Place in the Best Handcrafted Ornaments competition and 5th place in the Best Decorated Tree competition.
- **CADCA (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) Graduation** – McTaggart spoke about the JJC’s graduation from CADCA’s National Coalition Academy. She explained that the National Coalition Academy (NCA) is a comprehensive training program developed by CADCA’s National Coalition Institute and teaches leaders “what they need to know” (the core competencies) and “what their team needs to do” (the essential processes) to establish or maintain a highly effective anti-drug coalition. CADCA stands for Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. The NCA is designed specifically for coalition staff and volunteer leadership. It combines three weeks of classroom training, three reinforcement on-line sessions and access to a web-based workstation. The Academy’s training curriculum is organized within SAMHSA’s (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) Strategic Prevention Framework. By the end of the year-long training, in order to graduate, coalitions developed five essential products (1) a community assessment, (2) a logic model, (3) a strategic & action plan, (4) an evaluation plan and (5) a sustainability plan. The JJC graduated in February at the National Leadership Forum through CADCA in Washington D.C. Sarah, Barb and Jenni took part in this academy, but did not attend the graduation ceremonies. They received a very nice plaque for their work through the mail. These materials will now be used to enter CADCA’s 2022 Got Outcomes! Coalitions of Excellence Awards contest in July. This will

compare the JJC to other prevention coalitions throughout the US. We will keep you posted.

- **Watseka Area Chamber of Commerce Ad** – As part of our membership with the Watseka Area Chamber of Commerce, we receive free quarterly ads. These ads are emailed as part of their Connections newsletter. Our submitted ads have shared our latest poster, thanked our member agencies/vendors/schools, and explained the Too Good for Drugs program.
- **Onarga Theater Ad** – As Jenni mentioned, we were issued a credit with the Onarga Theater when they closed due to COVID. Our ad is now running on this credit. We plan to update the ad and run it with funds in the next fiscal year's budget. We believe such advertising is worthwhile, as the Onarga Theater is the only running theater left in the county.
- **Brochure and Insert** – Our brochure describes the JJC and its efforts with youth prevention programming and the TIP campaign. It also mentions that we plan to start youth advisory councils. The insert for our brochure provides Rx and OTC drug safety TIPS and tells where such substances can be safely disposed of in Iroquois County. These two print materials are handed out at the fair, other events, and to every single Life Education Center student to take home to their parents.
- **General PSA's on WGFA and WIBK** – The JJC currently has four PSA's that are running on WGFA and WIBK. The content is as follows: a general overview of the JJC, another general overview of the JJC, a description of the JJC's initiatives, and general prevention advice for parents.
- **Partnership with I-KAN on their KEEP SHOWING UP Campaign** - The JJC partnered with I-KAN on reaching parents through their SUPS grant and a state-created campaign known as KEEP SHOWING UP. They're still growing up. This grant focuses only on the prevention of underage alcohol use. Working together, posters, Facebook posts, newsletters, and postcards have been dispersed to address this issue.
- **Partnership with I-KAN to create Alcohol Awareness Month PSA's for WGFA and WIBK and Newspaper Ads** - I-KAN had reached out to the JJC about partnering on some projects to use up some of their grant money during April – Alcohol Awareness Month. We were asked to create two radio PSA's and three newspaper ads in order to accomplish this feat.

RADIO PSA's:

- With help, we recruited local teenagers to record themselves reading a scripted PSA message. Stacey Smith compiled the readings into two different versions of the PSA. Participating teenagers received community service time for their efforts.
- State's Attorney Jim Devine recorded himself reading a message about Social Host Law.

NEWSPAPER ADS:

- We asked two of our former TIP celebrities to allow us to feature their photo and previously provided TIP in a newspaper ad that would be placed in all local newspapers. Both Amy Curry (WHS) and Grace Seggebruch (Kankakee-Iroquois Probation) agreed. The ads also noted that it was Alcohol Awareness Month and its significance.
- The third newspaper ad explained Social Host Law and its consequences.

- **Yearbook Ads** – The JJC placed ads in the following yearbooks: Cissna Park High School, Central High School, Iroquois West High School, and Watseka High School. We provided stickers containing our ad for Crescent City Grade School and Christ Lutheran High School, as they do not sell ad space.
- **School Playbill Ad** – This year, Iroquois West High School was the only school putting on a play that allowed us to advertise in their playbill. They gave us the entire outside back cover and it looked phenomenal.
- **Prom TIPS for Parents Graphic** – The JJC put together a graphic containing helpful prom night TIPS for parents. This graphic was utilized in the following ways:
 - Facebook Ad – Our ad was shared almost 90 times and reached over 7,000 people.
 - Newspaper Ad
 - Graphic emailed to schools for their websites and social media accounts (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)
- **Prom Assembly at Donovan HS** – A prom assembly was organized by the Donovan High School SADD Chapter and its sponsor Kristin Lundquist. The theme of the assembly was Empowered: You are Your Choices. It encouraged students to Please Return on Monday and seemed to be a very positive assembly that really got the students thinking.

McTaggart noted that all of the staff wore matching shirts and were all in to the purpose of the assembly. McTaggart and Pree put together a class competition that included trivia questions related to drug/alcohol use and making smart, healthy decisions. Each class would discuss the questions and write down their final answer on a white board that they would hold up. McTaggart and Pree would then review the correct answer and share a brief explanation.

Other guest speakers included: Eric Raymond (911 Director) who explained what happens when a person calls 911, Mary Kay Lavicka (Iroquois Memorial Hospital) who gave out first aid kits and spoke about what to do in an emergency and CPR training, Trooper Pete from the Illinois State Police who spoke about what happens when someone is pulled over for suspected drug/alcohol use while driving and how substance use can affect your abilities. (The JJC had borrowed a few pairs of Drunk and Drugged Goggles from the Cissna Park Sons of the American Legion for use. After the assembly, students were given the opportunity to wear the goggles to see how substance use affects one's abilities to do various tasks, such as shooting a basketball, walking a straight line, giving a high five, etc.)

- **Graduation Ad** – The JJC created an ad that would run with the printing of the photos of Iroquois County graduates. It will also soon be running with the printing of the valedictorian/salutatorian speeches in the Iroquois County Times-Republic. This ad reminds parents that they should celebrate safely, as underage consumption is both harmful and illegal.
- **Fans for Distribution**– Our new TIP the Scale fans are for use at graduation ceremonies, the fair, and other events. Pree noted that this year we ordered fans that were not limited by the year or graduation graphic.
- **Country Theater Workshop Playbill Ad** – CTW's productions will soon be taking place. We are awaiting the creation of our new owl mascot graphic. This will then be added to the ad and submitted for this season's upcoming performance playbills.

- **Website** – Updates continue to be made, including the addition of more information on underage drinking laws.

McTaggart then shared the upcoming campaign initiatives and events while Pree shared corresponding slides.

- **Mascot** – The JJC wanted to draw more attention to its programming and efforts and... what doesn't draw attention, but a mascot! The JJC still associates the K-6th grade programming with Harold the Giraffe from the Pledge for Life Partnership's Life Education Center programming, but the 7th-12th grade students plus parent communication campaign and the JJC in general needs something as well to tie all programming together. So... meet ??? the Owl! We currently have no name for said owl as we've had lots of suggestions, but none have stuck. We would love to hear your suggestions! We had also thought to ask kiddos throughout the summer through the different programs we participate in to see if they come up with some effective names, but we've had reservations on this as well. The owl to the young will be alive. Introducing the owl with no name would make him lifeless to younger kiddos. Barb had suggested the owl wear a lanyard with a cute sign saying "What's my name?". The kiddos could put it on a piece of paper and put it in a bucket. At the end of the summer, we could look through all of the names and choose one we like. The kiddos would think they're guessing the correct name, but actually they'd be naming the owl. Thoughts? Some name ideas thus far: Wynn the Wise, Ollie the Owl, Owlie the Owl, Asher the Owl, Tippy the Owl, TIP the Owl, Justice the Owl, Hoot the Owl, Hooligan the Owl, Westin the Owl, Owl-exander the Great, etc. Let us know your thoughts by emailing Barb King at bking@co.iroquois.il.us.
- **Parades, Parade Candy, Fun Days/Festivals** – McTaggart explained that the JJC will have entries in local parades, but would also like to participate in the festivals that don't have parades. In the past, we've loaned festivals that don't have parades, banners to put up where the action is. We do have some prepackaged silverware with prevention messaging on them for them to use for a meal too. We will be reaching out to each festival soon if we haven't done so already.

Festivals/Fun Days throughout Iroquois County:

St. Paul's Lutheran School Parade: June 12th at 12pm, Theme of Parade: "Celebrating 150 Years"

Milford Fun Days Parade: June 18th at 10:30am, Theme of Parade: "Welcome Back! Good Times Never Seemed So Good"

Onarga Independence Day Parade: July 2nd at 11am, Theme of Parade: "Family, Friends, Freedom"

Watseka Independence Day Parade: July 4th at 10am, Theme of Parade: "Born in the USA"

Clifton Fun Days: July 8,9,10 – no parade news yet

Cissna Park's Old Settlers Parade: August 20th at 11am

Sheldon Fun Days: August 20-21 – no parade news yet

Ashkum Homecoming Parade: August 27th at 10am, Theme of Parade: "Under the Big Top"

Beaverville Founder's Day: September 11th – no parade

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McTaggart stated that the JJC plans to have a truck in each parade with the new mascot in the bed of the truck waving to participants. We will have 1-2 people riding in the back as well or walking alongside the truck handing out mints (thank you to the JJC) with our prevention messaging on them. These are also aired on the radio stations for more publicity. High School students are currently attaching the messaging. If anyone has any ideas on these themes or if you'd like to ride/participate in these parade entries – contact Barb King @ bking@co.iroquois.il.us. (If you know of any other festivals, let us know too.) McTaggart promised to share the list of upcoming parades, festivals, etc. with those in attendance.

- **Summer in the Park (Onarga Park District)** – McTaggart explained that this is a wonderful summer program free to any kiddo that just finished k-7th grades. It is completely funded by grants and donations. This program by Deanna McIntyre holds special programming fun for the participants every week day between June 13 – July 8 including a part in the Onarga Independence Day Parade. We had asked to have a day dedicated to the JJC and have been awarded this privilege on June 28th. We plan to hold an obstacle course/contest between 2 teams of kiddos. To tie it to the JJC, we plan to create a scale and have each team tip the scale with water in a bucket to show their victories. At the end, the team that tipped the scale most will get to choose which leader (teenagers) to pour the water on. We will eventually let the other team as well. Shhh! We will then have popsicles for them to enjoy (leftover from the fair last year). If anyone has any obstacle course, carnival, fun outdoor games/obstacle ideas they'd like to share – please contact Jenni McTaggart. We are currently in need of pool noodles (as many as we can borrow for that day), hoola hoops, wood planks, yard sticks, heavy string, different size bowls/buckets, 5 gallon buckets, etc.. Again, contact Jenni McTaggart @ jmctaggart@co.iroquois.il.us if you have any to loan us for that day.

A coalition member stated that the Watseka Park District is always looking for things to do on early release days in Watseka. She suggested contacting Sherry Johnson at the Park District to offer fun activities such as what is being planned at Onarga's Summer in the Park.

- **Iroquois County Fair** – McTaggart explained that the JJC plans to partner with the Iroquois County Public Health Department this year in the Hidden in Plain Sight mock teen bedroom experience. Gina Greene will be discussing this shortly, but for the JJC – we will have a table with a display board outlining our endeavors connected to the health department's table with the mock teen bedroom between us. The JJC will have a mini-table with crayons for kids to do activity sheets and coloring pages while their parents/adults peruse the teen bedroom. We also plan to hand out our TIP the Scale fans and literature from our table. We are also planning to hand out Smarties candy with a theme of Smarties Practice Underage Substance Use Prevention with 8 smart ways to practice underage substance use prevention on the backside.

McTaggart explained that the JJC was contemplating another activity as a draw to the booth where they'd like members' advice – the thought was to have teens paint rocks with the new owl mascot on them and a saying on the backside to bring the rock to our table in the commercial building for a prize. When they bring the rock, they would receive a larger item prize such as a candy bar with a prevention message on it (we will not know what age of person will be receiving the prizes). We would then hide the rocks throughout the fair in different locations as the days go by. We plan to hide them in the animal barns, 4-H

Center, etc. We were thinking maybe 10-15? We could have teens needing service hours for school paint them. JJC members present and on Zoom unanimously loved the idea. The group thought that this would be a great way to draw all ages to our booth, including teens who would be left out of our other fair activities. Brainstorming occurred and suggestions rang out – Graphics discussed to decorate the rocks were the new owl mascot, the TIP logo, etc. The group decided the owl would be best on the rocks. Nelson suggested that we use a stencil to decorate the rocks, rather than rely on volunteers to freehand paint them. Chas is going to ask his wife, the art teacher at Milford High School, to possibly print using a Cricut machine and adhere the images to the rocks with different colored layers of vinyl. He snapped a photo of the owl mascot to show to his wife. Other names brought up were Robyn Butler and her daughter as well as Nate Massey. Chas stated that he knows those individuals as well and would see if they could all work together creatively. It was decided that about 10 rocks should be hidden a day so 15 rocks would be created altogether in case some were misplaced. They will be in contact with Barb soon. After discussion, it was decided that non-chocolate candy would make a better prize because it would not have to be refrigerated. Sour Patch Kids, Swedish Fish, and Airhead Sour Extremes were suggested as low maintenance candies that could be obtained at a reasonable price. We will attach a clever prevention message to each of the prize candies. Also, we plan to have the new owl mascot be at the fair booth at a specified time to greet kiddos and parents alike. We plan to have Officer Harris and Tucker the drug dog at the booth for a specified time as well.

Mary Kay Lavicka from Iroquois Memorial Hospital stated that IMH would like to move their booth to be next to ours and the Health Department's so we can show a united front of prevention and wellness. Members told her it'd be a very welcome and great idea and to contact Kymber and have their booth moved.

Since the meeting took place, Susan Wynn Bence from Gibson Health of Watseka asked if the JJC could use additional booth space at the fair and the answer is a resounding – YES! So...we will have plenty of room for all of these activities to take place to spread underage drug prevention in Iroquois County. Susan is also getting in touch with Kymber to put their empty booth next to the JJC's for additional space.

- **Fair Booth Staffing** – The Iroquois County Public Health Department's fair booth will be right next to the JJC's because we are partnering on the HIPS room. The Health Department plans to have two staff at their booth at all times. Anyone interested in working a shift at the JJC's fair booth should contact King. Chas Cox stated that he would be interested in working shifts at the fair booth. Mary Kay Lavicka said that she would be available to help hide the rocks in the morning.
- **Hidden in Plain Sight Display** – Gina Greene explained that the Iroquois County Public Health Department is partnering with the JJC to bring the Hidden in Plain Sight display to the Iroquois County Fair. Pree showed slides for further clarification. Greene stated that adults will have the opportunity to walk through a mock teen bedroom display and learn how to identify items which can indicate problems or risky behavior, such as drug use. We will place 14 new indicators in the room each day of the fair. Participants will be challenged to find all 14 items in 5 minutes or less. They will be given an entry form and clipboard for recording the indicators that they find. When finished, participants will be given a laminated list of all 14 of the items from that day. Participants can enter into a daily prize drawing.

The Health Department is providing one prize for each day. After discussion, it was decided that winners would have the opportunity to choose their prize from those available.

We are still working out the details for how the “bedroom” will be sectioned off away from view of the public. Joelle Conner-Nelson mentioned that Harbor House has 2 (5-6’ tall by 4’ wide) accordion dividers that could be borrowed to assist with this feat. Lavicka mentioned that IMH also has some dividers that could possibly work. Greene will check out IMH’s dividers before the Opioid Coalition meeting next week.

V. OTHER POSSIBILITIES

▪ Iroquois County Chamber Annual Meeting

Jenni shared with members present that Sarah and Jenni attended the Iroquois County Chamber of Commerce’s Annual meeting which was held April 21st at the Longbranch in L’Erable. She stated that many were in attendance from the JJC representing their businesses and organizations too. Sarah and Jenni both signed up to be board members, but have not heard back yet. The Chamber had invited members to take part in their Discover Iroquois County Webinar Series which will feature local chamber businesses to help them gain exposure, highlight products and services and network virtually with other local businesses. They have 4 different partnership opportunities from Platinum to Gold to Silver and last to Bronze partnerships. If you’d like more information, contact Jenni McTaggart at jmctaggart@co.iroquois.il.us and she will send you the info. The JJC is a member of the chamber. Jenni then pointed out that Iroquois Memorial Hospital had won one of these partnerships with the Chamber and Mary Kay Lavicka was there to confirm and stated that they had begun work on the piece, but it is still in the works. She said she’d keep us abreast of its development and progress.

▪ Watseka Area Chamber Annual Banquet – Barb’s Award

Jenni stated that the WACC held their annual meeting on May 4th at the Watseka Elks Club. Sarah and Jenni attended representing the JJC with various other members from the JJC representing their businesses and organizations as well. A very huge honor was awarded to our very own JJC Chairperson, Barb King at the banquet from the Iroquois County Times-Republic Newspaper. Barb was unable to attend so her award was presented the day of at the Iroquois County Courthouse with friends and co-workers present as well as the staff at the Iroquois County Times-Republic. Barb was awarded the CITIZEN OF THE YEAR award for her efforts in probation and the JJC. The members present gave Barb another round of applause as we all appreciate her dedication to Iroquois County.

VI. AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tobacco Grant – Gina Greene talked on Ryan Wheeler’s behalf as he was unable to make the meeting. She told members present what the Tobacco Grant was all about and what they had going in the schools currently. She anticipates a meeting between Mr. Wheeler and the JJC to discuss options of partnership activities in the future especially where schools are involved.
- Nelson stated that Harbor House is looking to partner with other agencies in February in a campaign against bullying with younger kids. McTaggart suggested that perhaps we could get together with I-KAN and partner with them.

VII. MEETING ADJOURNED

Barb King will let members know when the next meeting is scheduled. She reminded members that both full council and committee meeting minutes will continue to be shared via email. Full council

meeting minutes are also posted on the TIPtheScale.org website. All were invited to tour the Hidden in Plain Sight display in the courthouse basement. Meeting adjourned.