

Illinois Alliance on Reducing Underage Drinking
June 25, 2021
10:00 – 11:30 AM

The Illinois Alliance on Reducing Underage Drinking allows stakeholders to:

- Share current underage drinking prevention efforts 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

10:00 – 10:10 AM Shantel High

Opening remarks, review the purpose of the Illinois Alliance & synopsis of the March 23rd meeting. Updates on STOP Act report due June 2021.

10:10 – 10:15 AM Jody Heavilin

Welcome, brief introductions, and review of reports to be presented at this meeting. Jody also noted that the [CADCA Survey of Coalitions Household](#) is open until Wednesday, June 30, and all state coalitions are encouraged to take the survey.

10:15 – 10:20 AM Megan Edmondson – Youth Prevention Resource Center

Megan promoted an upcoming webinar the YPRC is hosting on June 29 at 10:00 AM. The webinar will focus on working with LGBTQ+ youth. Additionally, Megan noted that the Student Advisory Board would be hosting a virtual conference on September 30. Stay tuned for more details!

10:20 – 10:30 AM Lee Roupas – Illinois Liquor Control Commission

Lee provided information on ILCC prevention efforts and resources available. Cocktails to-go was extended until January 1, 2024. Lee noted that during BASSET training, a few issues are covered thoroughly: identifying impaired motorists and curbside to-go alcohol, minors using fake IDs, and the need to card everyone in a party, even if only one person is purchasing alcohol from a retailer. Lee also noted that BASSET training covers many different ways to recognize signs of intoxication and impairment.

Lee noted the following resources are available on the ILCC website:

1. [Guidance for Public Act 102-0008 Hospitality Vaccination Incentive](#)
2. [Premixed Cocktail Sates “To-Go” and for Delivery](#)

10:30 – 10:40 AM Shannon Alderman – Illinois Department of Transportation

Shannon noted that there had been thirty-six more traffic fatalities this year compared to this time last year. Speeding was involved in over 40% of deaths. Additionally, Shannon noted that people are out on the roadways more now than last year. Training was also impacted over the previous year, but Shannon feels training is starting to come back to a more normal state for law enforcement. Over the July 4th weekend, there is an expected increase in

activities, travel, and traffic. Law enforcement and IDOT grantees will be stepping up enforcement efforts and buckle-up efforts through July 6.

10:40 – 10:50 AM Jody Heavilin – Prevention First

Jody noted that the opening up after COVID restrictions vs. alcohol sales – to-go and online, and the need for community-level response to address this poorly monitored issue. There are a couple of things that can be done. We are DHS funded, so we cannot lobby or encourage our lawmakers to oppose this. But what we can do is encourage and educate our communities to implement strategies and policies to decrease access. The APRC is working in partnership with Kenny Williams at the ILCC to create best practice guidance when conducting ACC on home delivery. Jody also noted local communities must know they can implement ordinances to prohibit cocktails to-go in their community and partner with law enforcement to implement roadside safety/sobriety checkpoints. Additionally, please encourage your coalition and community members to file a complaint with the ILCC if the restrictions place on to-go has been violated. ILCC needs the data – if there's no data showing cocktails to-go is an issue when it's time to repeal the sunset, it could go permanent.

Jody shared that the APRC now has a Facebook page and LinkedIn page and encouraged members to follow and share.

Jody shared recent articles highlighting a couple of studies:

- The first article talks about increased access to alcohol increases violent crime and the policies/ordinances to reduce violent crime (outlet density, reduction in sales hours, performance standards for alcohol outlets.) [Preventing Violence in American Cities with Safer Alcohol Sales](#)
- A study from 2016. Three alcoholic beverage companies (InBev MillerCoors and Diageo) represented nearly one-half (44.7%) of the market share of beverages consumed by underage youth, as reported in the ABRAND survey.

10:50 – 10:55 AM – Kellie Henrichs – Prevention First

Kellie noted that the transition to the SLACK platform would be occurring over the next two months. Members who want to be a part of the SLACK platform for sharing and collaboration with Illinois Alliance members should reach out to Jody or Kellie to provide their email of choice if they didn't complete the Survey Monkey that went out after the last Illinois Alliance meeting.

Additionally, Kellie noted that members would be receiving a Survey Monkey the week of June 28 to complete for data/content for the STOP Act report due in late July.

10:55 – 11:15 AM – Member Discussion

Illinois Alliance members discussed two issues for the good of the group:

- Community issues around free alcohol for COVID vaccinations
- USPS potential delivery of alcohol – Alliance members noted that current carriers who deliver alcohol have what seem to be loose precautions/processes in place that are problematic, and USPS delivering alcohol could be potentially problematic, too.

11:15 AM – Shantel High - Closing remarks.