

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW LENOX SAFE COMMUNITIES AMERICA COALITION**

Meeting 15-06

**Held at the New Lenox Village Hall / Community Room
1 Veterans Parkway New Lenox, IL 60451
Wednesday June 24, 2015 / 2:30pm**

Call to Order

Dan Martin called the meeting of the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition to order at 2:33pm.

In Attendance

Daniel Martin / New Lenox Police Department, Gia Washington / Sertoma Centre, Kathie Johnson / New Lenox Township, Liz Schwenke / Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Liz Wetmore / New Lenox Public Library, Mary Kate Burns / Trinity Services, Inc., Noe Santiago / Pinnacle Physical Therapy, Stephen Kehoe / Silver Cross Hospital, and Tracy Dudek / Trinity Services, Inc.

Also in attendance were the following:

- Patricia Steinkamp / Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group
- Ann Powers / Suicide Prevention and Awareness Task Group
- Kathy Claver / New Lenox Community Park District
- Sue Meyers / NAMI of Will-Grundy County

Approval of the May 27, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the May 27, 2015 meeting were sent to members via email prior to the meeting. Stephen Kehoe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Kathie Johnson. After no further discussion, the motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Presentation / Guest Speaker – Tracy Dudek and Mary Kate Burns / Trinity Services, Inc.

Tracy Dudek and Mary Kate Burns provided a PowerPoint presentation on Trinity Services, Inc. The presentation included an overview of the services offered by Trinity. These services include residential, adult learning, supportive employment, behavioral health and a therapeutic day school.

Residential Services includes community integrated living arrangements for 610 adults. In addition, Trinity Living Centers Intermittent Care Facility provides residential services to 45 adults.

Adult learning (day programs) help people live full and abundant lives.

Supportive Employment supports 128 adults in community-based employment. These services are provided through the Branch-Wellbeing Enrichment Center as well as drop-in centers in New Lenox, Homewood, Wilmington and DesPlaines.

The presentation also included an overview of Behavioral Health, which also includes a large staff that make-up the Crisis Intervention Support Team.

The Therapeutic Day School serves 24 students.

Trinity Services, Inc. employees approximately 1,200 full-time / part-time employees in Illinois and Nevada. Trinity has a Board of Directors as well as Executive Committee Members. Trinity embraces 10 core values, which are:

- Servant Leadership
- Serving and Supporting
- Open Communication
- Discretionary Effort
- Personal Growth
- Thinking ahead & following through
- Collaboration
- Stewardship
- Achieving Outcomes
- Continuous Improvement

With regard to Safety and Risk Management, Mary Kate was recently hired as Risk Management Coordinator. Mary Kate will oversee safety, training, analysis, and employee return to work. Mary Kate will also be involved in Trinity's Safety Committee.

Tracy also noted there are a number of business who support Trinity's mission. They include:

- All Area Custom Design
- Be Safe Now
- Cherry Hill – Books and Media
- Fritters and Critters
- High Tide Press
- Trinity Horticulture
- Jasmine's
- New Lenox Woodworks
- Oh Fudge
- Petals & Twigs

Tracy and Mary Kate referenced Trinity's web site as www.trinity-services.org and phone number (815) 485-6197.

Tracy Dudek can be reached at tdudek@trinity-services.org while Mary Kate Burns can be contacted at mburns@trinity-services.org .

New Business

None

Old Business

Task Group Reports

Older Adults Fall Prevention

Noe Santiago provided a synopsis of the Matter of Balance (MOB) Program, including MOB Class #16 that started on Monday June 1st at the VFW. Noe also noted that MOB Class #17 began at 1:00pm (June 24th) at the Presence Healing Arts Pavilion on Route 30.

Noe advised that at the most recent Older Adults Fall Prevention Task Group Meeting, a discussion was had about MOB Class #18 starting in the Fall, but he didn't have definitive details. On a related note, Noe advised that he, Kathie Johnson and Laura Regis would also be teaching a class for new MOB classes, which will also be held in the fall. Details would be available in the near future.

Noe advised that Fit and Strong started on Monday June 15th at Martino Jr. High. The classes will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through the summer. Fit and Strong Class #1 will graduate on Friday August 7th. Noe advised that additional topics related to Fit and Strong were discussed the Instructors during the Task Group Meeting. Noe advised that the Task Group's next meeting will be July 22, 2015 at 2:30pm at the New Lenox Police Department.

Suicide Prevention and Awareness

Pat Steinkamp provided an overview of the June 15th Healing Hearts – Survivors of Suicide Support Group Meeting. The meeting was held from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at the New Lenox Police Department. Pat advised that she was looking for a speaker for the July 20, 2015 meeting.

In addition, Pat provided a synopsis of an event that is being planned for September 10th in Support of World Suicide Prevention Day. The event will include a panel discussion as well as a Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Class for the last hour. Additional details will be available by the next meeting.

Poisoning by Prescription Drug Overdose

Dan Martin advised that Arnie Pilmonas was still busy with personal and work matters, but will return in August. Meanwhile, Dan advised that the Unwanted Medication Disposal Program is going strong at the New Lenox Police Department.

Dan also added that the New Lenox Police Department is in the process of training officers to administer Naloxone (Narcan) to heroin overdose victims. Dan advised that the Will County Health Department has taken the lead on the initiative and is in the process of training police officers throughout Will County to administer the life-saving drug.

Emergency Preparedness

Dan Martin advised that New Lenox CERT / MRC volunteers are planning to go to Coal City to assist with clean-up operations. In addition, Dan mentioned that CERT / MRC volunteers have also participated in the following activities:

- Monthly Training (Traffic Control) Tuesday and Wednesday June 9th and 10th
- French Market Saturday June 13th
- Kenny Loggins Concert Saturday June 20th

Dan advised that CERT / MRC volunteers will assist with the Trinity Services Inc. 5K on Thursday June 25th and the Old Campground Festival on Saturday June 27th.

SAR volunteers have also been active with the most recent activity being their annual physical agility test on Saturday June 20th.

Motor Vehicle / Traffic Safety

In Marisa Schrieber's absence, Dan reported that Marisa has recently been re-certified as a car safety seat technician for another two years. There are now three car seat safety technicians at the New Lenox Fire Protection District. Marisa will be assisting Manhattan with "Car Seat Saturday" in September.

Dan advised that although not motor vehicle / traffic safety related, Marisa reported the following:

The NLFPD is currently working with the Village of New Lenox checking fire hydrants in town – the process will be marking the water flow from each hydrant and will benefit the community when the NLFPD is re-evaluated for ISO ratings, which can help bring the insurance rates down in the district.

The NLFPD is gearing up for their Babysitting Academy. There are two classes scheduled. The first class is next June 30th thru -July 2nd. The second class is July 14th thru the 16th. The first class is filled, but there may be a few openings for the second class.

Family Fun Day is scheduled for August 1st from 12:00pm to 3:00pm at Fire Station #1.

The next NLFPD community CPR classes are scheduled for July 11th (Heartsaver CPR) and August 8th (Healthcare Provider CPR). Registration and payments are accepted through the NLFPD website only. Anyone can take either class, however if you are a healthcare provider, you need to make sure you take the correct class. Many healthcare employers do not accept the Heartsaver course as it does not go into as much detail.

Youth Sports, Health and Safety

No report.

Announcements / Organization Updates

Those in attendance shared current news and events relevant to their organizations. Dan advised that he would be willing to forward electronic copies of materials that would be beneficial to the group.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday August 26, 2015 / 2:30pm**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the New Lenox Village Hall. **The will not be a meeting in July.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40pm.