



## It Takes A Community Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition General Coalition Meeting Summary

Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:30am  
Iroquois High School Room 129  
Call to Order: 9:35am, Adjournment: 10:38am

### **By the end of this meeting, we hope to:**

Reconnect as a coalition, share our updated mission and vision, and build excitement for the year ahead by fostering alignment, collaboration, and strategic networking as we enter year 8. Thank you for your continued confidence and support!

**Present:** KP (Alli & Joanne), Bette Dehr, Mae Enoc, Deputy Dan Wood, Angie Wojcik, Karen Howard, Alexis Langheier, **YOUTH:** Lena, Trey, Brad & Morgan, **Zoom:** Latifah Huff, Julia Sroka, John Bennett, Katie Fattey, Haley Glassman.

### **Topic**

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1. **Hello & Welcome:** Introductions & Any shares or “asks” for help – all guests introduced themselves. No specific asks from coalition members. Recognized Bette’s birthday (09/16).
2. **Celebrating Wins:** Highlights from last year – Some highlights from 2025 include the generous grant ITAC received from Erie County and Legislator James Malczewski, which is helping fund Buddy Benches for all ICS primary/intermediate buildings and mental health programming. ITAC is collaborating with the Iroquois Family Support Center and Horizon Health.

Two of ITAC’s Youth Ambassadors, Conner and Grace, spoke on Capitol Hill during the CADCA Conference. In front of an audience of about 30, including staff from Senator Schumer’s and Senator Gillibrand’s offices, they shared about ITAC, prevention, and their own personal experiences.

At CADCA, Alli and Sarah (former Program Director) graduated from the National Coalition Academy Training. 2025 also marked the first year ITAC awarded Senior Scholarships. After reviewing applications and essays, Conner and Grace were each selected to receive \$250 scholarships.

Additionally, ITAC began developing a PSA last year with our Youth Coalition members and a Buffalo-based ad agency. We are now close to beginning filming. The topic is Vaping.

3. **Vision for the Year:** ITAC Vision/Mission Statement – Unveiled our elevated brand that includes: vision, mission and logo. Key Personnel shared a about the process and thought behind the design decisions. Present coalition members received ITAC magnets.
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4. **Review of Priorities & Goals:** Annual focus areas & Q&A – Reviewed priority areas of focus and also action plan goals and objectives. Briefly discussed the CLYDE survey that is coming up shortly.

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  5. **Member Engagement:** Committees, projects & volunteer sign-ups – ITAC is looking for volunteers for the various upcoming events including Trunk and Truck or Treats. We also have open board positions.

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  6. **Events & Training:** Key campaigns & short prevention learning piece – Discussed some of our Key Campaigns including: 100 Cups of Coffee, Project Sticker Shock and continuing our Table Talk. Also shared information regarding an emerging, dangerous trend involving kratom/kava, items that are presented as “plant based” wellness tonic, found at local gas stations and head shops.

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  7. **Wrap-Up & Next Steps:** Recap action items & upcoming dates – Thanked everyone for their participation. Next meeting is November 19, 2025 at 6:30pm.
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### **General Coalition 2025/2026 Dates - (3rd Wednesday of every other month, alternating am/pm)**

- September 17, 2025 – 9:30am
- November 19, 2025 – 6:30pm
- January 21, 2026 – 9:30am
- March 18, 2026 – 6:30pm (Annual Meeting)
- May 20, 2026 – 9:30am

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