

June 9, 2026 Substance Use Action Coalition of Waukesha County: Community Partners Meeting

Meeting Summary

The Substance Use Action Coalition (formerly the Waukesha County Heroin Task Force) hosted its June 9, 2026 Community Partners Meeting with **52 attendees** representing a broad cross-section of community organizations, government agencies, healthcare providers, recovery support organizations, schools, and other key stakeholders. The meeting focused on celebrating coalition accomplishments, sharing emerging opportunities, strengthening partnerships, and engaging partners in prevention and recovery efforts throughout Waukesha County.

Key Takeaways

- **Coalition Name Change:** The coalition officially unveiled its new name, the Substance Use Action Coalition (SUAC) of Waukesha County. The new name better reflects the breadth of work being undertaken by partners while maintaining the coalition's long-standing commitment to prevention, treatment, recovery support, and harm reduction. The coalition retained its recognizable logo and color palette, and updated communication materials are currently being developed. [Please share the "About Us" document that has been developed to share more information about the coalition.](#)
- **Growing Community Engagement:** The coalition welcomed several new community partners, and celebrated the continued growth and diversity of organizations engaged in the work. The meeting provided opportunities for networking, introductions, and sharing community updates.
- **Recognition of Leadership:** Partners recognized and thanked Bob Waite of IMPACT, Inc. for his years of service and leadership as he prepares for retirement later this year.
- **AWY State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant Update:** Partners received an update on the Alliance for Wisconsin Youth (AWY) State Opioid Response grant. The coalition received \$33,612 to support prevention-focused initiatives and community partner activities. Information was shared regarding available funding categories, the application process, reporting requirements, and important deadlines. If you are interested in submitting a finance request, please reference information out on the coalition website.
 - [Funding Request Information](#)
 - [SOR Grant Finance Request Instructions](#)
 - [SOR Grant Finance Application Form](#)
- **Prevention Innovation and Collaboration:** Through a Think-Pair-Share activity, participants generated ideas for how small investments could advance prevention efforts in schools, communities, and youth-serving organizations. The discussion highlighted the creativity and commitment of coalition partners.

- **Community Initiatives:** Updates were provided regarding the Voices Survey, the upcoming launch of Crosspoint Academy (Waukesha County's Recovery High School), and the Stigma Reduction Pocket Guide. These initiatives demonstrate the coalition's continued focus on prevention, education, recovery support, and stigma reduction.
- **June (second quarter) Partner Padlet and Announcements**
- **Partner Engagement Through Padlet:** To encourage partner engagement and information sharing, the coalition created a quarterly Partner Padlet where members could post announcements, resources, funding opportunities, updates, questions, and requests for support. The Padlet generated a variety of contributions from partners and served as a valuable tool for sharing information and highlighting opportunities across the community.
 - [Click here to access the June \(second quarter\) Partner Padlet](#)

Next Steps

Partners were encouraged to continue sharing announcements and resources through the coalition's Padlet, explore AWY SOR funding opportunities, promote the Voices Survey, support the launch of Crosspoint Academy, and provide feedback on the Stigma Reduction Pocket Guide. Additional communication materials reflecting the new coalition name and branding will be released in the coming months.

Overall Reflection

The meeting reinforced the coalition's strong spirit of collaboration and its shared commitment to building a healthy, connected community where prevention efforts are strengthened, recovery is supported, stigma is reduced, and individuals and families have access to the resources they need to thrive.