



Fairfield Cares Community Coalition leadership Meeting

Minutes - August 10, 2018

Opening and introductions: the meeting was opened at 11:05 by Amanda Romaniello who asked all to introduce themselves.

Present: Bernadette Coppola (phone), Katy Rosenfeld, Reini Knorr, Jennifer Jacobsen, Cathy Hazlett, Nina Chanana

July meeting minutes - approved unanimously.

Chair Report: Amanda Romaniello discussed the ongoing recruitment efforts for a secretary position - a plan to separate out the technology tasks and the administrative tasks. Discussion regarding next steps for the student survey and the need to obtain funding. Nina Chanana provided feedback on her experience in various communities and the benefits of continuing with the Attitudes and Behaviors survey for continuity of the data. Also discussed the previously planned shift in timing for the survey from spring to fall and the potential impact on the validity of the data. Nina agreed to discuss this with colleagues and report back on whether or not this will negatively impact the data. Nina will also confirm the costs with Search Institute. Discussion of STR grant submission and the possibility of sharing the AmeriCorps position with Sacred Heart University for year 2.

Committee Chair Updates: Reini (programming) updated on the upcoming events: Walk like MADD in Sept; Overdose Awareness Day Vigil in Aug. Cathy (Resources) Confirmed STR grant submission; coalition t-shirts distributed and will be held in the health department offices. Katy (Youth) shared that the committee has not started meeting yet but plans to reconvene in Sept.

CSC Update: Jennifer Jacobsen confirmed that she will be meeting with Parks & Rec to discuss the Middle School program. Will provide an update on their willingness to participate. Jenn also provided an update on the upcoming year and the plan for the use of our evaluator's (Emily Melnick) time. Plan for her to focus on the parent survey and reconciling data for community presentations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30a.m.

Next Leadership meeting: TBD