



Fairfield Cares Community Coalition Meeting Minutes – 10/17/18 (8:30-10:00am)

In attendance:

Amanda Romaniello, Jenn Jacobsen, Katy Rosenfeld, Phil Dwyer, Bill Gerber, Lori Mediate, Tim Morris, Wendy Bentivegna, Reini Knorr, Melissa Devito, Cathy Hazlett, Beth Irizarry, Santina Jaronko, L Caramore, Caryn Campbell, Pamela Walker, Maura Rhodes, Lisa Pribesh

1. Intros
2. Approval of Minutes - unanimous
3. Chair Updates
 - a. President co-chair: Looking for someone in community leadership position. Gary M is helping Amanda with the task. Biggest concern is time commitment.
 - b. PTAC Presentation 10/8: Last Monday, there was a presentation to the PTA Council with 25-30 in attendance. Fairfield Cares overview of who we are and goals. Request made to PTA Reps for meeting attendance on regular basis. There is money available for programming if we request to partner with them. Request was made for support with our campaign and social media posts.
PTAC wrote a letter to establishments cited for UAA sales.
Our next step would be to present to individual school PTSA.
 - c. Coalition Goals: Amanda shared draft of Goal Sheet for visual appeal. Will be adding whether project is in progress or achieved. Suggested additions: contact info, call to get involved, meeting dates and times, identify substance as alcohol.
 - d. Student Survey: We are sharing the cost with RYASAP this year. Survey will be online. Middle school contact is Lori Mediate and high school contacts are Caryn Campbell and Vanessa Montorsi. Point raised to get FC Logo on either survey, presentation or both since we are paying for half.
Additional supplemental questions on vaping – 3-5 questions and Nina will write the questions focusing on frequency of use, access, perception of harm. 30 day use/ever used language consistent with other substance questions. Capture kids perceptions of parent disapproval of use.
4. Committee Updates
 - a. Resource Committee (Cathy):
 - i. 1st meeting Dec. 7th 3:30-4:30 Caryn Campbell's office at FWHS. Meeting 3-4 times a year.

- ii. STR committee met a few weeks ago. New banners for Drug Take Back Day will be displayed. First banner going up at Sherman Green week before and second banner in front of police station with reminder of 24/7 disposal box.
 - iii. Drafted letter to prescribers to remind to use monitoring system.
 - iv. Investigating community event ideas/table at mandatory sports night meeting at high school/next coalition meeting will be asking members to deliver Change the Script flyers to primary care offices.
 - b. Programming (Reini):
 - i. Attended Gaming/Gambling event meeting
 - ii. Out of the Darkness Walk in Westport 10/27. FC has team – please join! Youth chairs will ask youth committee members to join
 - iii. 10/17 at 11AM Live stream of Red Ribbon Week launch on Facebook.
 - iv. Freshman Forum: Warde 11/7, Ludlowe in spring date TBD. Trying to get youth involved in Freshman Forum.
 - v. SADD group raised \$1600 in MADD walk
 - vi. RAFT group- 10/18 6PM in Old Town Hall Vigil.
 - vii. AT&T gave 10K to help keep support group running through Newtown Parent Connect.
 - c. Youth (Katy and Jenn):
 - i. Last meeting became planning meeting for Katie, Jenn and Luca (senior at FLHS) – brainstorming ideas. Great resource!
 - ii. Regular meeting- 2nd Tuesday of month 4:30-5:30- Town Library – Jennings Room.
- 5. CSC Update – Jenn Jacobsen
 - a. Cristin McArthey- Vahey speaking to youth committee in November about advocating to legal process/ getting laws passed.
 - b. FLHS PTSA requested Jenn present on FC at November Meeting.
 - c. 10/17- Jenn and Amanda have meeting with Middle school administration team on middle school program.
 - d. Parent survey will run a week or 2 before student survey. Student survey in 2/2019.
 - e. Tips Training needs to be planned plus merchant letter coordinated with police dept.
- 6. Coalition Updates
 - a. Cathy H giving vaping presentation to parents of Notre Dame 10/17 and staff next week. Student presentations will be scheduled.
 - b. Flu Clinic at senior center 11-5
 - c. Laura from NAMI suggested to speak with hospital discharge planners about including medication disposal in flyers.
- 7. Next meetings:
 - a. Full Coalition Meeting 8:30am November 21, Bigelow Center