



## **Fairfield Cares Community Coalition Meeting Minutes – 11/28/18 (8:30-10:00am)**

In attendance:

Jenn Jacobsen, Katy Rosenfeld, Phil Dwyer, Bill Gerber, Lori Mediate, Tim Morris, Wendy Bentivegna, Reini Knorr, Melissa Devito, Santina Jaronko, Julia Smith, Amanda Harmen, Bernadette Coppola, Denique W, Emily Melnick

Intros

1. Approval of Minutes – delayed to December meeting
2. Chair Updates
  - a. President co-chair: from Jenn Jacobson. Student Survey will take place in February. Asking for a couple of supplemental questions on vaping. Finalizing with Emily.
  - b. Treasurer report: LPC grant- waiting on application. STR Grant- \$568.97 YTD- bulk was spent on banners for Take Back Day.
3. Committee updates
  - a. Resource committee: from Reini.
    1. Notre Dame wants to participate in next student survey. Aprox. 270 students. Cathy Hazlett has delivered a simple survey to Notre Dame students on Why Teens Vape.
    2. State of Ct looking for more students to participate School Health Survey.
  - b. Programming: Reini
    1. Freshman Forum was at Warde on 11/7. Well attended, survey results expected by 11/29. Spring event- considering a sober concert. Open to ideas.
    2. Looking for more Narcan trainings after holidays.
  - c. Youth: Katy
    1. Youth committee meeting focused on strategic planning for town. Concerns: transportation, pollution (more bike paths), affordable senior housing, education budget cuts in music, unequal wealth distribution, conservation preservation, substance abuse and mental health, school security, and social opportunity for youth in town.
    2. Youth definition is ages 12 to high school.
    3. Potential Hartford trip with Cristin discussed.

4. Participation in middle school program in February.

4. CSC Update – Jenn Jacobsen and Emily Melnick

- a. Coalition survey- Jenn shared summary of results of 19 respondents.
- b. Highlighted consistent high scoring attributes and areas of opportunity.
- c. Actual results are attached to these minutes.

5. Coalition Updates

- a. Lori and Wendy- LPC application complete. Waiting for approval. Relationship with non-publics has improved.
- b. Tim- Red Ribbon Week went well. FLHS Freshman Forum date pushed to Feb/ March. Date TBD. SADD group won prize with MADD walk.
- c. Fairfield University- Destigmatizing Campaign- new celebrity each month: Daniel Radcliffe (alcoholism), Michael Phelps (depression). Print poster campaign, buzz among students.
- d. Lori- Fairfield U collaboration with senior Health classes concluding after 6 weeks of visits to discuss decision making, goal setting and high risk behavior with students. Notre Dame High reached out for suggestions of resource to run vaping cessation program. Please contact Lori with any suggestions. Some made in meeting: Tobacco 21, American Heart Association and Public Health department has some funding to assist financially.
- e. Melissa- Senior Center- looking for student shovelers for senior citizens.
- f. Jenn- Parks and Rec has included information on the middle school application in their program booklet. Lori will share update on #LifeNotWasted campaign in the health classrooms.
- g. Rite Aid- Pharmacy manager willing to speak/present. Needs one month notice.
- h. Sacred Heart U- social work placements available for internships in Fairfield or new Haven counties. 150 placements available.
- i. Reini- Norwalk Smart Recovery Group meets Thursdays 5:30-7pm. Also, please continue to share, like and comment on social media.
- j. Emily Melnick- East Hampton High School exploring putting sensors in bathrooms for vaping detection. Looking for schools who have success with such steps. Warde has smoke sensors in the bathrooms. At times, the vapor from student vaping sets off the smoke alarm.  
NPR segment – 30% of college students drop out their 1<sup>st</sup> year. Issues of coping methods needed for non- regulated time.

Meeting adjourned 9:33

6. Next meetings:

- a. Full Coalition Meeting 8:30am December 19, Bigelow Center