



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition Leadership Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2019

Opening and introductions: the meeting was opened at 10:30 by Reini Knorr

Present: Reini Knorr, Jennifer Jacobsen, Cathy Hazlett, Katie Rosenfeld, Bernadette

February meeting minutes: approved unanimously.

Chair Report: Amanda Romaniello was absent, but provided a brief update on the student survey results. The report has been closed. We are waiting for Dr. Jones' approval to add the presentation of the survey results to the April BoE meeting.

Amanda met with Fairfield YMCA Executive Director Diana Liptak to discuss collaboration opportunities. Youth and Family Coordinator Ryan Leworthy will start attending Fairfield CARES coalition meetings as a liaison.

FC Leadership would like to see Memorandum of Understanding to understand the specifics and the financial logistics.

Envelopes: we will print our logo on plain envelopes for the #LifeNotWasted - Not Under Our Roof merchant letter.

Treasurer Report: Bernadette Coppola – nothing has changed since February

May Concert Event/Summer Fest: The main target group with the event is Fairfield Teens. Parks and Rec confirmed that parking fees will not be imposed on concert goers, even if they do not have a beach sticker on their car. We will form working committees to arrange for concert details. Some people already volunteered their participation at the last coalition meeting. Others are still welcome/needed, especially representation from the Youth Committee (Committees: Wristbands, Fundraising opportunities, concessions, resource table, check-in/out, venue monitors/chaperones, etc.- a sign-up genius will be developed to allow others to volunteer for defined tasks).

Sustainability Plan Review: Jenn Jacobsen moved to submit the sustainability plan as amended to TTASC for initial review on March 8th. Cathy Hazlett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. TTASC will review and supply commentary. Jenn will make revisions as needed and provide the amended draft for approval by the full coalition at the March 20th meeting. The approved plan will be submitted to DMHAS for their review and approval.

Survey – As soon as the survey reports are in hand, Jenn will combine the data, analyze the results and compare to prior year Search Institute and Parent Survey results and prepare the presentation to the full BoE.

Health Department and Lori wants to use LPC funds for educational resources on vaping for middle schools. CSC grant has some middle school event \$\$ left over

Freshman Forum at Ludlowe was held last night

Denique is TIPS trained and agreed to hold the TIPS training at the Police Department – need to push again for a date/room/invitations; no cost for the police

Youth Committee wants to put their \$\$ to the concert

Resource Committee: It would be great to have a pro-bono attorney as part of our group. Cathy is planning to meet with Heather Lange from Brody and Wilkinson next week to explore options. Hopefully, Heather will be able to attend the March full coalition meeting.

We need to raise \$5,000 in the fiscal year 2020 budget for a grant writer for the Drugfree Communities Grant (John Daviau - <http://johndaviauconsulting.com>)

A suggestion was made to invite RYASAP as speaker to April meeting to hear an update on current activities.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 am