



## Fairfield CARES Community Coalition Leadership Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2019

**Opening and introductions:** the meeting was opened at 10:05 by Amanda Romaniello

**Present:** Cathy Hazlett, Katy Rosenfeld, Amanda Romaniello & Jennifer Jacobsen (phone)

**February meeting minutes** - approved unanimously.

**Chair Report:** Amanda Romaniello provided a brief update on the MOU sent to Diana Liptak @ Fairfield YMCA. Need to identify a new co-chair for the coalition due to Dr. Jones resignation from Fairfield Public Schools in July. Consider asking Sands Cleary from the Health Department or Chief McCarthy through the Fire Department. There is an excess of approximately \$3500 that was allocated to pay for the student survey but can now be reallocated for other programming.

**Programming Update:** Amanda Romaniello provided the programming update on behalf of Reini Knorr. Events: Narcan training went well, 30 in attendance, including Beverly from the Chamber. April 4, Liz Jorgensen, How Much Media is too much. Lots of publicity on social media, local event calendars. April 27, Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Lots of publicity on social media, local event calendars, press release sent out this morning. May 27, Summer Fest Lots of publicity on social media, local event calendars, 26 tickets sold so far. Applied to SAMHSA for a Communities Talk event planning stipend that could pay for print materials (use has to be planning related). Will know in a couple of weeks if we received the stipend of \$750. Also talked to Thea Diserio Ross at Mountainside Treatment Center who expressed interest in supporting the event. Warde/Ludlowe: In talks of bringing Harlan Cohen back to Fairfield with his best first year ever / the naked roommate Program for High School seniors. Would be in place of Life after High School. Communication: Town email address has been obtained as well as access to Q-notify. Press release about Prescription Drug Take Back Day was sent using the system. Social Media: Facebook: 800 likes (854 followers); Instagram: 189 Followers; Twitter: 125 Followers; Total: 1,114 (1,168 counting FB followers). Fairfield TV is running the Drug Take Back Day announcement.

**CSC Coordinator Update:** Jennifer Jacobsen Jenn created packages regarding the survey results, including 2016 report, 2019 report, and cover letter.

Info brief being reviewed by DMHAS

Sustainability Plan will be reviewed and approved by the coalition at our April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

We need to give thought to programming for the CSC grant in year 5. Maybe invest resources into a middle school program. Address internal assets, and address gender gaps. \$1,000 for middle school, + \$3,500 misc. needs to be spent by June 30<sup>th</sup>

Survey presented to BOE on April 9<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.

**Next Leadership meeting: May 6, 2019.**