



Fairfield Cares Community Coalition Meeting Minutes – 6/12/19 (8:30-9:45am)

In attendance:

Jenn Jacobsen, Giovanna Mozzo, Tim Morris, Lori Mediate, Steve Bogan, Wendy Bentivegna, Jahliah Green, Reini Knorr

1. Meeting was called to order by Reini for Amanda at 8:35
2. Chair's Update:
 - a. President's report:
 1. Thank you to Reini for an amazing Summerfest event. It would never have happened without all her hard work and dedication.
 2. Cristin has agreed to be our Co-Chair and will begin in July
 3. Advocacy- we as a coalition need to decide if, on top of all of the things we already involved in focused on youth prevention if we also want to add advocacy work. Conversation tabled until September when more members are present. Vote needed then.
 4. Coalition goals- The leadership team has started to think about next year's focus and goals: volunteer recruitment, interpreting parent and student data to share with town, fundraising in 2020, post CSC grant focus.
3. Treasurer report:
 - a. LPC grant has \$384.33 remaining. Decisions around using some of the money to cover thank you gifts- Rec Center and Maureen Janda who have generously donated time and space to the coalition.
 - b. STR grant has unspent funds but will be used for purchase of medication lock boxes and an additional Prevention Wheel of Misfortune game for public use. Giovanna noted that moving forward the STR grant has been named the SOR – State Opioid Response Grant.
4. Programming:
 - a. Recent meeting at St Timothy's church – residents concerned about group home proposal for inpatient treatment of addiction on Congress St. Highly charged meeting. Reini talked about attending a GH RTM district 1 meeting discussing the possibility of Newport Academy opening one or more group home recovery centers in Greenfield Hill. There is a Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2447773838792047/?ref=share> created by the

neighborhood dedicated to stopping the group homes. Reini invited all to join the group to keep informed about the developments.

b. Summerfest was a success! Thank you all!

c. Upcoming events-

1. June 25th Narcan training
2. Aug. 30th - International Overdose Awareness Vigil
3. July will focus on planning a community forum for Late Aug/early fall.
4. Suicide prevention walk in October

<https://www.fairfieldct.org/fairfieldcaresnews/?FeedID=2726>

5. CSC/Youth update:

- a. Purchased sponsorships of summer events- July 24th PB & Jam concert on Green/ Aug. 8- movie night at Jennings beach.
- b. Currently spending down this year's budget and planning for 2019/20.
- c. Youth committee recruitment flyer is out- all current members are seniors
- d. Campaign materials updated with new survey data.
- e. Want to create a committee including youth to dive deep into survey data to produce actionable report on state of youth in Fairfield: where we've been, what we did, how it worked or didn't and where do we go.
- f. New bracelets and back of phone cardholders with logo are in. Developing insert before distribution.
- g.

6. Member updates:

- a. Tim-FLHS- mock crash, Grim Reaper day and proms all went well. Nathan Harmon "Your Life" speaker very impactful visit to RLMS and FLHS. Plans to have him back next year. MADD walk – Sept.14th.
- b. Reini is heading up FC team for the MADD walk and invites all to join.

Have a great summer!

Next meeting: **September 4 from 8:30-10** Senior center on Mona Terrace