



## **Fairfield Cares Community Coalition DRAFT Meeting Minutes – 9/25/19 (8:30-10:00am)**

In attendance: Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Andrea Flynn, Jahliah Green, Jenn Jacobsen, Santina Jaronko, Reini Knorr, Tim Morris, Giovanna Mozzo, Karin Shaughnessy, Pamela Walker, Desiree Waters

### Introductions

1. Call to Order: Cristin McCarthy Vahey called the meeting to order at 8:40 am
2. Approval of Minutes: Reini Knorr made a motion to approve the September 4, 2019 minutes, approved unanimously
3. Chair updates
  - a. President co-chair: Cristin
    - Amanda Romanielo is stepping down from president co-chair role and will still be part of the coalition. Katy will be the new co-chair.
    - Call for membership and Leadership Roles. Let Cristin know anyone you think would be interested and she will reach out to them.
  - b. Treasurer report: Cristin reported for Bernadette Coppola
    - SOR (State Opioid Response) Grant amount remaining \$4,830 is to be spent by 9/30/2019. It is recommend to spend the remainder for opioid education fund in the next month or two.
    - State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants may start in April
    - A new SOR mini grant is to be determined
    - New expenses are \$115 - Wristbands order for the Candlelight Vigil
4. Committee updates
  - a. Resource committee: Cristin reported for Phil Dwyer
    - PTSA reps needed from the schools and more parent involvement.
    - Create a card to hand out for recruitment

b. Programming Coalition Events: Reini Knorr

- 9/14 - Walk Life MADD @ FTC event was uplifting and talked about all ages
- 10/2 - Opioid Roundtable | 7:30PM - 8PM, Fairfield Museum, 370 Beach Road
- 10/3 - Community Vaping Forum | 6:30-8:30pm St. Vincent's Hospital 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT, Sign up through Eventbrite
- 10/7 - Narcan Training | 6:30PM- 8:30PM Warde High School, LLC lecture room, 755 Mellville Ave, Fairfield, CT. 10 of 30 spots have already been filled
- 10/17 - Liz Jorgenson – Vaping and Dabbing parent presentation| Time TBD at the BOE conference room
- 10/19 - Harvest Fair | 10AM – 4PM Town Hall Green, 611 Old Post Road, Clinicians are needed to help with the booth for the check up from the neck up health screening
- 10/26 - Glorious Recovery music event | 7PM Fairfield Theater Company
- 10/26 - Drug Take Back Day, New banner needed
- 10/26 - Walk out of the Darkness @ Sherwood Island, Westport
- 11/7 - CT Attorney General to Host a forum on Vaping in Fairfield
- 11/13 - Steered Straight Vaping and Dabbing presentation for the High Schools
- 11/17 -Keith Urban, A Concert for Recovery | 7PM Mohegan Sun
- 12/4 - Mental Health “Will to Live” Life Teammates - Leveraging the positive power of teen networks! | 2PM - 4:45PM, Sacred Heart University Commons

c. Youth: Jenn Jacobsen

- First meeting was 9/10 | 4:30PM at Fairfield Public Library. With students from grades 9-12 at Ludlowe, Warde, and one from Notre Dame. All High School students in Fairfield are welcome.
- Next meeting is 10/8 | 4:30PM - 5:30PM at the Fairfield Public Library. Asset Training - asset building in the community

5. CSC Update: Jenn Jacobsen

- Tech Assistance Center Evaluation came back with three areas of improvement
  - Documentation and the focus points were: orientation packet for new members, bylaws, spf training, website updates and links
  - Funding to be diversified with annual events and appeals
  - Process leadership drive and a changeover master document
- DMHAS – Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, working on a one page marketing flyer with a 5 year timeline for Fairfield Cares
- CSC grant is to be determined. There may be more money available through the State, working on the funding post the grant through October.
- Young Fairfield adult still needed for paid position to work with youth committee, for 5hours per week and 3 5 hour meetings. Sacred Heart University Public Health Coordinator will be contacted of candidates.
- Condensed sustainability plan created.
- Tips training- underage serving with Fairfield police for restaurants, was canceled due to lack of participation

6. The HUB / Regional LPC Update: Giovanna Mozzo

- HUB – October is wellness month and the health screening “checkup from the neck up” will be available at a number of events and fairs. A Clinician would fill out the survey and if there is a high stress area, a referral is given for a therapist or doctor.
- HUB Local prevention council has a contract and grant application due by the end of October, outlining the work that is to be completed for capacity building and strategies.
- HUB is looking to schedule lunch and learn for SPF Strategic Prevention Framework Training with email blasts, Facebook and social media marketing.

7. Coalition Updates

- There is a health intern working with Trumbull, Stratford and Fairfield Health Departments working on a vaping curriculum for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and working with health teachers.
- Vaping education and training licensing fee is \$10 and amount needed is required before purchasing. Looking to prevent future use by education during detention as a unified response by the school Administration enforcement. Looking for a community response through Parents, Retailers, PTA and BOE for a consistent message, education and treatment.
- RFP for ODTA Opioid Grant through the Department of Public Health the ranges from \$100,000 to \$260,000 annually for 3 years. Application due by October 31, 2019. It is for tracking overdoses to action tracing with the EMS, Police, Fire, Health and Schools. Santina will work on it and have Mary Cannon in the Health Department assist, while she is on leave.

Next meeting: October 16, 2019 | 8:30AM at the Senior Center, 100 Mona Terrace

Meeting adjourned at 10:05AM made a motion to approve the September 4, 2019 minutes, approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Flynn  
Recording Secretary