



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition Leadership Meeting Minutes November 4, 2019

Police Department

Present: Cristin McCarthy-Vahey, Lori Mediate, Bernadette Coppolla, Amanda Romaniello, Phil Dwyer, Jenn Jacobsen, Reini Knorr

Chair Report: Cristin and Phil reported that they met with leadership at Positive Directions about CSC grant and our future collaboration and their fiscal agency going forward for the coalition.

Discussion around the next round of CSC funding and current unknowns around the coalition's eligibility for the state grant through DMHAS at this time. Positive Directions expressed their support for re-applying should Fairfield CARES be eligible.

Opioid data grant application is not being pursued at this time due to timeline.

Resource Report: Focus is on volunteer development in addition to financial development and sustainability. Efforts have revolved around PTA outreach in hopes to garner more parent members as voices to the coalition.

Programming Report: Status update provided on:

Out of the Darkens Walk for suicide prevention and awareness, National Drug Take Back Day at the Police Department, Ginger Katz – speaker engagement – coming in the Spring, and having a Mental Health Display at our libraries, Involving youth members in that initiative. Brining back Hidden in Plain Site in the winter was also discussed. Pursuing the PTA Council to support funds to purchase a license of the film The First Day for schools to be able to use with students. November 7th is a community forum on Vaping being held at Woods Middle school.

CSC Coordinators/Grant Update. Jenn had sent out and requested feedback on a draft of the coalition's end of initiative deliverable required by DMHAS; a 5year timeline and highlight worksheet items depicting the coalitions 5 phases of implementation of the SPF model over the course of the 5 year grant.

The CSC coordinator also provided an update on the upcoming site visit at Positive Directions with DMHAS, materials being gathered for that site visit and completion of the paperwork and document instrument required by DMHAS. Continued efforts to recruit and hire a young adult youth peer advocate.

Treasurer Report: Bernadette provided leadership with a report on each of the coalitions grant fund balances.

Leadership discussed our Annual event and ideas around this year's event and how we would like to use that event in a thoughtful manner to expand the capacity, sustainability, and community awareness around the work of the coalition.

Andrea Flynn will be taking over as Secretary of the coalition.

Next Meeting will be held on December 2 at 10 am at the Police Department.