



## **Fairfield CARES Community Coalition Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2020**

The Fairfield CARES Community Coalition held a regular meeting at 8:30 am in the Board of Education, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, CT.

**Present:** Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Phil Dwyer, Jenn Jacobsen, Reini Knorr, Ed Johnson, Santina Jaronko, Gabrielle Diaz, Lori Mediate, Giovanna Mozzo

**Call to Order:** Cristin called the meeting to order 8:35 am

**Approval of minutes:** Reini Knorr made a motion to approve the January 15th meeting minutes with amendments, seconded by Phil Dwyer. Motion passed unanimously

**Chair Update** - Cristin McCarthy Vahey

- A parent recruitment flyer has been created.
- We are still remiss in some SOR grant reporting and have provided written intent to apply for a new round of funding.

**Treasurer's Report** – Cristin McCarthy Vahey for Bernadette Coppola

- Please see the report in the appendix

**CSC Grant Coordinator Update** - Jenn Jacobson

- We are moving forward with updates to the Talking Tips brochure and #LifeNotWasted Campaign brochure with a targeted print run of 300 each.
- The Youth Peer Advocate position remains vacant and is looking for candidates.
- FPD provided data on DUI arrests year-over-year for the five-year lookback on the numbers for the final report in June.
- The Strategic Prevention Framework grant has been announced at the federal level, and the CSC grant has still not yet from DMHAS. Waiting to see what Positive Directions is applying for Fairfield
- Our grant evaluator broke down the most recent youth survey data by gender to highlight suspected asset gaps and inform future activities.
- The pieces for the annual event (presentation, folder, etc.) are in motion.

### **Programing Committee Update – Reini Knorr**

- 2/19 – Fairfield Public Library Volunteer Fair
- 2/24 “Hidden In Plain Sight” at Fairfield Ludlowe High School LMC is an adult event to show what to look for in teens rooms and what to say when you find paraphernalia, drugs and alcohol.
- 3/14 11-4pm Wellness Fair by the Chamber of Commerce at Fairfield University Rec-Plex with a table for Fairfield CARES, Fairfield Health Department, Fairfield Police and a signup genius for volunteers for 2 hour slots.
- 3/17 Steered straight at Warde High School with support from Newtown Parent Connection
- 3/30 Annual Meeting, Interactive Educational Theater is on board to present a healthy choices piece to kick-off the event. Invitation list and draft invitation wording as well as Eventbrite response tool have been set up.
- 4/28 Courage to Speak Foundation at the Board of Education Conference Room
- April TBD - Drug Take Back Day
- A shared folder with grant information and reporting requirements/forms has been created and is in use.

### **Resource Committee Update – Phil Dwyer**

- Parent recruitment with the help of PTAs is ongoing.
- Fairfield CARES brochure has been updated and parent recruitment flyer has been created.
- LPC grant application has been signed by the First Selectwoman and is with the HUB pending approval (hinging on final SOR grant reporting)
- CT Realtor’s decision is expected by the end of February
- The First Selectwoman will be invited to the March 2<sup>nd</sup> leadership meeting.

### **Youth Committee Update - Jenn Jacobson for Kathy Rosenfeld**

- The youth committee went through a brain storming activity at their last meeting that resulted in 15 different poster boards filled with ideas to inform the middle school version of the campaign.

### **The Hub Update - Giovanna Mozzo**

- See general info on The HUB in Appendix
- An interactive training on the Strategic Prevention Framework was provided to all in attendance

## **New Business**

- Narcan Train the Trainer (see Appendix)
- Mental Health First Aid Training (see Appendix)
- We extend a warm welcome to Gabrielle Diaz who has joined the Fairfield Health Department on a part time basis to assist with community education and outreach (and to partner with Fairfield CARES).
- Santana Jaronko reported that the Fairfield Health Department is applying for a \$5K vaping prevention/cessation grant for which Fairfield CARES would be the main partner. The application is due on 2/21. Phil Dwyer will compose a letter of support on behalf of Fairfield CARES.
- Newport Academy Certificate of Need Hearing 3/4/2020 1pm-6pm, Fairfield University 200 Barlow Road (Conference Center Dining Room), Fairfield CT 06824
  
- Ed Johnson (Fairfield resident and Warde parent) shared information about his business [ScrapelRX.com](http://ScrapelRX.com) that provides a simple tool to shred personal information on a prescription bottle with the goal to prevent Medical Identity Theft and the Diversion of dangerous medications to illicit users.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am following a motion by Jenn Jacobsen, seconded by Gabriella Diaz that passed unanimously.

Appendix: Flyers and documents shared during the meeting can be found at:  
[https://drive.google.com/open?id=14Uku\\_n8mrqxcu3Lx-diG7bOBET8u2W1f](https://drive.google.com/open?id=14Uku_n8mrqxcu3Lx-diG7bOBET8u2W1f)