



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition  
Leadership Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2020

The Fairfield CARES Community Coalition held a leadership meeting at 9 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, Andrea Flynn, Jenn Jacobsen, Reini Knorr, Katy Rosenfeld,

**Call to Order:** Cristin called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jenn made a motion to approve all the minutes for February 3, 2020, seconded by Reini. 5 Approve, 1 abstention, motion passed.

**Chair Update** – Great meeting with Mr. Cummings, Superintendent and hoping to apply for more grants in the future.

**Treasurer Report -**

There are no changes and some invoices are being submitted.

**Resource Committee Update - Phil**

The SOR grant has \$1600 to spend for marketing materials and printing. There is a draft of four data forms that were reviewed and conformed. There were six goals, activities, measureable outcomes and questions. Fairfield CARES resources were provided for exhibits at events with photos on Facebook. Reviewed social media posts. There was an Overdose film and First Day film, used by the Fairfield Public Schools. Question Persuade Refer training license was renewed for certification. The new SOR grant letter of intent to apply has been sent.

The LPC grant application has been submitted, on hold until SOR funds are spent. The reports are to be updated in order to qualify for next year's grant.

**CSC Grant – Jenn**

CSC grant is not having a new application the New Year. For 2021, CSC is offering a one year extension of the existing contract for \$120,000. Positive Directions said yes to extend the grant. The grant coordinator position is a full time person.

Social Media campaign has been updated and being printed.

### **Youth Committee Update - Katy**

The youth committee talked about the assets for the marketing campaign for the middle schools and committee gave their perspective. Clubs, meeting people, relationships, connections and opportunities that are non-academic are important for support and co-circulars. New health curriculum is being presented to the committee for input. The committee is working on Marking, district improvement, and the curriculum.

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

The full calendar of events can be seen on the Fairfield CARES website.

[www.fairfieldct.org/fairfieldcares](http://www.fairfieldct.org/fairfieldcares)

- Annual Event –3/5 One Book One Town – table at the event
- 3/30 at 6:45pm - Annual Meeting, invitations sent. 50 people is the goal for attendance. Assign someone to each table, recommendation to have 5 tables for 15 minutes each with categories for: 1 School Services (Mike, Lori, Tim), 2 Town & Mental Health (Santina, Andrea, Julie), 3 Youth Committee (Jenn, Katy), 4 Resource Grants (Phil, Wendy) and 5 Programs Substance Prevention (Reini). The main goal is to support the community collaboration and promote programs/resources. An evening meeting on 4/23 to be scheduled to finalize details with the table leaders and for them to bring two marketing materials. Rotation of tables and contacting people to attend was discussed.
- 3/31 Steered straight at Warde High School with support from Newtown Parent Connection
- 4/28 at 7pm - Courage to Speak Foundation at the Board of Education Conference Room
- April TBD - Drug Take Back Day

### **Dates:**

- The next Coalition meeting is Wednesday, February 19 at 8:30 am at the BOE  
Future Dates 3/18, 4/22, 4/20, 6/10, 7/15, 9/2, 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16
- The next Leadership meeting is April 6, 2020 at 9 am.

**Adjournment:** Phil motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am. Unanimously approved.