



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition
Leadership Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020

The Fairfield CARES Community Coalition held a Zoom Conference call.

Present: Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Phil Dwyer, Bernadette Coppola, Andrea Flynn, Reini Knorr, Jenn Jacobsen, Katy Rosenfeld

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

Chair Update - Deferred to the next meeting.

Treasurer Report - Bernadette

There are no changes and everything is status quo at the moment.

SOR Grant - Phil

All the bills are in for the SOR grant. Cleared and they accept the grant.
Missed the window for the SOR grant.

LPC Grant - Gio, Cristin, Wendy

Wendy sent an email in April. There is call in April with DMHAS to provide direction. It was requested that LPC to not reallocate or spend money on unnecessary things. 19-20 application, pending funds. Looking to send app for 20-21. Phil will coordinate with Wendy and Giovanna.

Covid-19

There is data from last year to compare to new information. There is a concern of addiction and people relapsing. With over 40 million unemployed, parents under financial stress Alcohol purchases may have gone up 55% and some parents may drink with children.

Youth Committee: Jenn

Plan to meet and have conversation and focus group to see how they are doing.

DMHAS, Positive Directions approved have zoom meetings.

Confirming technical capability and approval for holding a meeting

Resource Committee Update - Phil

There is a LPC grant application. The reports is need to be updated in order to quality for next year's grant. The document was signed December 29, 2019 and a quarterly report due for March and June. Wendy has been filing reports, Phil will reach out for copies

The SOR grant has an application coming up and reports need to be updated. Activities/event and demographic information is needed similar to LPC. Phil will reach out for copies from Wendy.

Copies all grant forms will be added to the google drive for everyone to view. Santina in the Health Department is applying for a grant and will collaborate with Fairfield CARES.

There is a list of all PTA contacts and recruitment for parents. The plan is to attend PTA meetings to present and recruit parents for Fairfield CARES to volunteer. The time of the meeting is a challenge for parents and suggestions were for a 9 am start and a quarterly evening meeting.

Programing Committee Update – Reini

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

www.fairfieldct.org/fairfieldcares

- Annual Meeting - CANCELLED
- 3/31 - Courage to Speak, zoom event
- 3/30-4/5 National Drug and Alcohol Fact Week
- TBD – 5/9 at 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.
- TBD - Drug Take Back Day
- 8/31 International Overdoes Awareness
- Summer Events – Sand Jam / Peanut butter jam concerts

CSC Grant – Jenn

Approval to put survey on social media to reach out to the community to find out resources and coping. Review the sustainability plan.

Possibly order Fairfield CARES business cards to LPC to spend all money and does not want to roll over funds.

Reporting for DMHAS and TTASC data collection for online events numbers and demographics

FY \$115,000, pending documentation

Connecting and prevention calls and trainings.

Hired a new youth per advocate from Sacred Heart.

Melissa campaign looking to stream line data on a middle school campaign.

Provision of the grant is to have one full time person

The Hub - An update will be given at the next Coalition meeting. Giov going out on leave. Talks about the alcohol and ids required for delivery or pickup.

Dates:

- The next Coalition meeting is Wednesday, February 19 at 8:30 am at the BOE
Future Dates 4/22, 5/20, 6/10, 7/15, 9/2, 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16
- The next Leadership meeting is May 4, 2020 at 9 am.

Adjournment: Jenn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 am, seconded by Phil.
Unanimously approved.