



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition
Leadership Meeting Minutes
May 4, 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, Wendy Bentivegna

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

Approval of Minutes: Jenn made a motion to approve the leadership minutes for March and April, seconded by Phil. The meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Update – LPC dollars to be reviewed later on the agenda. State your name and role for Zoom recording purposes.

Treasurer Report - Bernadette

Hoot Suite was renewed and everything is status quo at the moment. Tracking down the LPC funds to confirm they have been received. Andrea will confirm with Caitlin Bosse in Finance, on the RYASAP check \$7141.55.

Resource Committee - Phil

Two primary focus area are one Tracking down grants to apply for and two watching out for volunteer opportunities. Looking to strengthen PTA engagement and suggestion to have a speaker at the next meetings to provide resources or advice for parents for continuing learning over the summer and mental health issues. How do PTAs operate in the fall? Possible have the PTSA Jim Accomando to give a presentation. Invite the PTA leaders to be present at the next coalition meeting to provide resources and engage volunteers.

The coalition should keep a present information as the new reality, things have changed and provide parents with resources for COVID 19 as school start to open up.

LPC Grant Funding - Cristin

Cristin is working with Wendy and Reini on the reallocation of the amounts in the categories this year from LPC. Ideas discussed: Zoom account, T-shirts, survey promotion, suicide prevention, QPR training, Coalition Administration stipend for Reini for capacity

building and group meetings of the Leadership committee with PTA members. Looking to invite Mr. Cummings to be an honorary co-chair for the coalition.

Youth Committee: Jenn

Checking in with the committee and first meeting planned for tomorrow to review the concepts and get feedback on the middle school campaign from Kama Creative. The Library has agreed to put together a resource list by age group for mental health awareness month.

CSC Grant – Jenn

Survey will continue to run this week.

Fiscal year 20-21 implementation plan draft is due May 7th to DMHAS. Looking to finalize and would like and feedback, updates or suggestions by tomorrow. Email was sent April 30th and the update is due to the State by May 7th. There is a one year extension for the grant for fiscal year 2021.

Positive Directions grant status for 2020 should be provided this week for programing dollars. Then review the CSC grant funds and budget with Bernadette.

There was a suggestion of a one page that lists the overall coalition wide goals, objective and benchmarking guides for current and future grant opportunities with all sectors at the table. The sustainability plan is in place and is a base for the framework of the coalition.

Programing Committee Update – Reini

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

www.fairfieldct.org/fairfieldcares

- 3/30-4/5 National Drug and Alcohol Fact Week
- 5/21 Yale Child Study Center, Eli Lebowitz
- Warde is looking to hold a program Chris Harren “Steered Straight”
- 8/31 International Overdoes Awareness

Suggestion of a later time than the 8:30am to invite parents that does not conflict with online school.

The Hub – No new update. Janice will be covering for Giovanna.

New Business – Series of speaker to help families to cope in today’s world with different subjects to build over time. The works we are doing is going to be more

Dates:

- The next Coalition meeting is Wednesday, May 20 at 8:30 am via Zoom
Future Dates 5/20, 6/10, 7/15, 9/2, 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16
- The next Leadership meeting is June 1, 2020 at 9 am.

Adjournment: The meeting at 10:53 am. Unanimously approved.