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Meeting Minutes January 3, 2018

Welcome

Lisa Vasquez, Laurie Gentile, Dee Gingras, Albee Budnitz, Christie Touritis, Laurie Gentile, Kameo Chasse, Stephanie Wolf-Rosenblum, Kurt Norris, Elyssa Clairmont, Alivia Shattuck and Alexis St. Laurent (SADD Students), Mike Apfelberg, Rosemarie Dykeman, Susan Haas and Betsy Houde

Minutes of December 6, 2017 were approved unanimously with those abstaining that weren't present.

Next official meeting: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 will be facilitated by Leah Elliot. Thanks Leah!

Announcements

Rivier Intern, Shannon Sholds, will be joining us for this next semester! Please help her feel welcome.

Finlay Foundation is awarding us a grant of \$3000 to help with the Youth Video Project. This is great news and will enable the Middle School PSA winners to work with Pearl Marketing similar to the High School students.

Vaping Presentations have gone well for students at Nashua North. Weather cancellations shifted the date for the final workshop. Albee, Kami, Leah and Becca will be doing a presentation on February 19th to teachers and school staff. Alivia and Leah shared that at the National Smoke Out Day, Nashua South SADD did a cafeteria presentation. Administrators are working on informing students of the policies around vaping devices, as they are being confiscated upsetting students and parents. Connecting with parents will be an important next step.

YRBS Middle School Results will be presented to District principals on January 9th at 3:15pm at Nashua South, and on January 8th, the team will be presenting to the Board of Education at 7:15pm at Nashua North Board of Ed meeting room.

Mission and Vision Change — The group agreed to switch the phrasing around to read: To prevent and reduce substance use for children and teens through increasing awareness, education and community involvement.

The current phrasing of the Vision was affirmed as fine as is.

Amplify Activity —

Social Media

Kami is planning a brief 15-minute social media training at the end of the March meeting for people that want to learn more about Instagram, Twitter and Facebook and how to use those to promote the coalition's goals. We will also be looking to create a Media Subcommittee to take a closer look. Kami also announced that she would also like to see Member Snapshots that we can promote through social media to help build awareness.

SADD Groups

Kami presented that the Action Plan going forward includes more opportunities for accountability and recognition going forward. There are currently 15-18 students at South, mostly freshman and sophomores. Overall there appears to be more girls and boys, and more underclassmen. It was suggested that we approach Clearway Alternative High School to identify whether they would be interested in launching a SADD group.

Grant Work

We were fortunate to get an advance copy of Nashua's combined YRBS for North and South. That enabled Betsy and Kami to review multiple data points to see where we have made improvements and where things are raising concerns. In terms of the pending DFC grant application, the data of greatest concern will be included in the Logic Model and Strategic and Action Plan. The areas where we have made significant improvements will be showcased in the narrative.

The group had lots of feedback about the data and how to best describe our local conditions and develop strategies with measurable results and corresponding data points. Kami announced that the January Steering Committee meeting set for 1/24 at 3pm will be devoted to further refining our Logic Model and Action Plan and invited all members to attend. An additional meeting date of 1/31 at 3pm was also announced in the event we need more time to review and refine. We expect the funding announcement to be released in mid-January.

Meeting Satisfaction survey

Kami handed out the Meeting Satisfaction Survey for today's meeting and asked people for honest feedback. Please complete your in-kind log forms to track hours devoted to coalition-related work. You can complete them by hand or online. We need to report this level of community engagement to our funding source.

See you January 24th at 3pm!

Meeting ended 4:24pm