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Meeting Minutes August 2, 2017

Welcome

Janet Valuk, Albee Budnitz, Monica Gallant, Christie Torlitis, Maura McGowan, Jen Miller, Mike Apfelberg, Dee Gingras, Laurie Gentile, Elyssa Clairmont, Liz Fitzgerald, Nancy Keslay and Betsy Houde.

Welcome New Members

Welcome Maura McGowan (NH Teen Institute) and Elyssa Clairmont (Nashua Public Health Department Continuum of Care Coordinator). Thank you for joining us!

Minutes of June 7, 2017 were approved unanimously with those abstaining that weren't present.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 will be facilitated by Mike. Thanks Mike!

Announcements

Monica will be taking the position of Director of Prevention Services at Boys and Girls Club of the Souhegan Valley and will be leaving the coalition at the end of the week. She will continue to work with the CAST coalition in her new role. Congratulations Monica! We look forward to some continued collaboration.

A coalition **Steering Committee** has been formed to provide high-level guidance and support of our work together, with the first task to review resumes and conduct interviews. A candidate should be announced in the next couple of weeks. Albee, Betsy, Jan, Kurt, Lisa and Mike will form the first Steering Committee, with the new Coordinator joining once hired. More to follow!

Silver Knights baseball game is happening Friday, August 4th Tom and Nancy have agreed to volunteer to sell 50/50 tickets. Jan/Monica will work with the Silver Knights to address options for the fact they double booked agencies to participate.

Over the Edge Fundraiser Ashley Monea rappelled off the Brady Sullivan Tower to raise funds for Nashua Prevention Coalition through United Way's event on July 28th. The press was wonderful with TV and Telegraph coverage. Heartfelt thanks to all that donated. Ashley raised \$2114.56 through donations.

In-Kind Forms -- please get them back to Monica ASAP to track all related hours.

CADCA Update

Jan and Christie are just back from the CADCA Mid-Year Training Forum in Atlanta. Christie learned about the 360 DEA program in three states (including NH). It's a youth prevention program for Middle to High School youth that works with community members to teach teen mentoring and such. Christie has a flash drive with in-depth information. They have a website OperationPrevention.com broken down by grades and such that could be a good resource for the SADD coordinators.

Lots of discussion ensued around how Nashua could benefit from this kind of programming and how we could link our current youth programs.

Jan reported that she attended a powerful session on marijuana and learned that we should craft a position paper so that we are all sharing the same information about marijuana. Discussion ensued around whether a communication piece should include the science on why marijuana is dangerous vs. the legal consequences for youth or adults that are caught using it. Currently, the Partnership for a Drug Free NH is working on a Fact Sheet around marijuana information. Jan will share the final piece with the group. Consideration should also be given to having a Fact Sheet about alcohol and the other substances that we are monitoring (prescription drugs, tobacco).

Future Planning

Albee explained that the Steering Committee intends to create a structure where ideas are further explored as "homework" in between meetings to help us create more momentum and involvement.

Jan discussed the challenge of ensuring that all 12 sectors of the community are represented in our work, especially since we are reapplying for the Year 6-10 grant in the winter/spring. Currently we could use help with a member from the Faith community and Media. Adding a rep from Human Resources from a large corporation would be helpful.

Liz mentioned an Equity Leaders Fellows group that has recently trained diverse people in leadership to be matched on local boards.

Betsy also mentioned the need to review some of the campaigns that we've done during the past 4 years to see what should be expanded for the next 5 years. Will be reviewing our prior initiatives to identify which to grow to be community wide.

At CADCA, Jan shared the background and handouts for our Hair Stylist Campaign. It was so well received, and got lots of attention and photos from other coalition. Bringing that kind of campaign to the larger employers would be another avenue to explore.

Meeting ended 4:28pm

Next meeting, Wednesday, September 6, 2017