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## Meeting Minutes February 6, 2019

### Welcome

Pedro Altagracia, Mike Apfelberg, Donna Arias, Albee Budnitz, Sara Ceaser, Lynn Clowes, Ross Desmet, Rosemarie Dykeman, Dee Gingras, Sue Haas, Larry Harding, Linda Lennon, Jen Miller, Shayana Owen, Gail Parker, Sandra Pratt, Basil Tournlitis, Christie Tournlitis, Lisa Vasquez, Nicole Viau

**Minutes** of January 2, 2019 were tabled.

**Next official meeting:** Wednesday, March 6, 2019 will be facilitated by Sue Haas.

### Announcements:

- **DEA 360:** Gail reported the DEA is-
  - Looking for a group of students for the hockey camp through the Monarchs, she will connect with Nashua PAL, Boys and Girls Club, and YMCA.
  - Working on a youth summit with students and parents.
  - Promoting a DEA patch for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
  - Conducting a contest for teenagers.

*Gail will send information out electronically.*

- **Regional Updates:** Lisa reported that:
  - 4/1-4/7 will be National Public Health Month
  - The Mayor's Opioid Task Force Meeting is in the morning (Thursday 2/7/19 – 9:30am)
  - There will be free training available to any public library and YMCA across the country on Narcan, Lisa is forwarding information to all libraries and YMCAs across the region.

- NHPR will tape the Laura Knoy show at the Nashua Public Library with a focus on the Opioid crisis tomorrow at 6:30pm. Doors open at 5:30pm, pre-registration through NHPR is required.
- **Other Announcements:** Rosemarie announced Camp Sobago this summer, she will send out information.

### **Marijuana Policy Training – New Futures:**

- An overview of New Futures' focus on legislative advocacy to benefit the Substance Use Disorder continuum of Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery.
- HB 481, which would commercialize Marijuana sales. We currently have laws on the books for therapeutic, or medicinal Marijuana and that decriminalizes possession of up to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an ounce, which reduced the violation to \$100 for first offense and \$300 for second offense.
- There is an opt out for local communities for HB 481 if they choose to pass a local ordinance.
- The need to have Marijuana downgraded from a schedule 1 substance so research can be conducted.
- Lesson's learned from other states with commercial sales of marijuana:
  - There is currently no roadside test for marijuana, making it hard to prove impairment.
  - There have been increases in workplace accidents and roadside collisions
  - There have been increases in advertisements, particularly those targeting youth.
  - There have been increases in THC poisoning.
  - There have been major challenges when commercialization marijuana laws passed without proper public health planning in place.
  - Impairment and psychosis.
- Coalition members were given a handout with state representatives and senators so they can reach out if they would like to weigh in on the current legislation.
  - There was additional discussion around the legislation to increase the tobacco age from 18 to 21. Albee directed people to check the position papers from Tobacco Free Kids and American Heart Association

**Meeting Satisfaction Survey and In-Kind logs** were distributed and handed back in to Donna.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Breathe NH Vaping Unveiled- *February 12<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>*
- First Responders Breakfast – *February 14<sup>th</sup>*
- Health and Wellness Fair – *March 14<sup>th</sup>*
- Greater Nashua Health and Safety Fair – *March 30<sup>th</sup> THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED*
- Suicide Prevention Train the Trainer – *12-hour training April 5 8:30-4:30 & April 6 8:30-12:30 register at <http://bit.ly/2019YALTraining>*

**Join us at our next meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019!**



