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Meeting Minutes May 1, 2019

Welcome

Kameo Chasse, Donna Arias, Albee Budnitz, Lynn Clowes, Becca Lerner, Betsy Houde, Gail Casey, Lisa Vasquez, Leah Elliott, Gail Parker, Rosemarie Dykeman, Jeff Sellers, Alison Bennett, Nancy Keyslay, Mike Apfelberg, Jeffrey Lam, Janet Valuk

Minutes of April 3, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously with those who were not present abstaining

Next official meeting: Wednesday, June 5, 2019; facilitated by Albee.

Announcements

• Coalition Updates-

- **Coalition Newsletter** We are moving towards a newsletter for updates so the coalition meetings can focus more on collaboration. If anyone has any prevention related activities, please send them to Kameo.
- **DEA Takeback** Ran out of 150 give away bags at 1pm, collect 196 pounds, which is down from the last time presumably because of the number.
- **Middle School YRBS** the post office lost the surveys which were on the way to the evaluator, Jan is in conversation with Pennichuck and the evaluator about best next steps. Discussion on May vs. Fall. Alison will follow up with the Pennichuck Principal. Discussion on the benefits and challenges of individual school data. Gail C. will ask Donna Fitzpatrick for her thoughts at a meeting she has scheduled for tomorrow.
- **DEA 360 Updates-** 14180 pounds were collected statewide at DEA Take Back Day.
- **Regional Updates-** Wrapping up in person interviews and are starting to market the online survey community health. There's a link on the web-site and through Facebook, Lisa will send the link to the coalition. The Nashua Public Library now has a

sharps container available to the public. Nashua Public Health now has a radio hour 10am on Fridays.

- **SADD Update:**

Pennichuck Raiders Care is a group of some of the marginalized kids, but they struggle to get the messages out because they lack the social capital to spread messages. They worked on three videos for the Youth Video Project but were only able to submit one. They're planning an event focused on 'keeping summer sweet' at field day.

- **Workgroup – Sector Representation and Sustainability**

Jan is coordinating a smaller sub-committee to go through the sectors list we developed at the last meeting to prioritize who to reach out to and how. Rosemarie and Gail expressed interest in working with Jan to review the list and develop a plan. Once they select a date Jan will circulate the date to see if additional coalition members are interested and available.

- **Community Mapping Activities –**

- Group 1 came up with the library as a resource and a hotspot, Salvation Army as a resource, Mine falls as a hotspot, Fire Stations and YMCA as resources, Schools as resources and hotspots, Boys and Girls Club as a resource within a hotspot. They thought about drug use in general.
- Group 2 listed Bridge St. and Main St and several other areas as hotspot, discussed that issues are really all over the city.
- Group 3 discussed consumption in middle and wealthy living rooms, access in tree streets, French hill, vape shops on 101a and DW highway, highway-legal marijuana in MA. For resources DEA, NPC, Doorways, YMCA, The Youth Council, Police, JPPOs, United Way, Beyond Influence.
- Group 4 presented a more abstract map discussed a lack of inexpensive/free activities for youth to do. Gail C. pointed out that the physical capacity of afterschool programs would only cover 26% of the K-12 population under the building space – fire department capacity.
- Wrap up discussion around if there's not a lot of free activities or if it's more that kids are unaware of free activities. Jeffrey talked about all the different activities but it's typically more the kids from middle and upper middle-class families who access the services, Becca talked about isolation and kids who have to go home to baby sit younger siblings.

Upcoming Events:

- **Tobacco 21 Meeting** - May 6th, 7pm at City Hall
- **Prevention Day of Action** – May 7th New Futures is running a training
- **Teen Institute Parenting Workshop** – May 9th-June 13th
- **National Prevention Week** – May 12th-18th
- **Sticker Shock** – May 14th
- **Youth Video Project Red-Carpet Event** – May 15th Doors open at five pm
- **Over the Edge** – June 28th

Join us at our next meeting on June 5, 2019!

