

Draft Minutes

01/19/2022

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1. Welcome
2. Introductions
 - a. Attendants: Holly Hansen, Robin Kohler, Cassie Schend, Michelle Hill, Dustin Yager, Lawrence, Kimberly McTighe, Alessia Campanaro
3. Review of 12/15/21 minutes
 - a. Robin Kohler motions to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Kim McTighe, approved by the coalition.
4. Real Talk Updates
 - a. Recruitment
 - i. Focus advertising community service hours
 - ii. Kim McTighe uploaded the recruitment flyer to be displayed on the school monitors and featured on social media.
 - b. Paid Opportunity
 - i. The coalition was awarded a small grant promote positive youth development. The coalition will use this funding to create employment opportunities by creating two peer advocate positions. The candidates will go through a job application process to help them develop those skills, and the two youth hired will receive a monthly stipend based on a flexible 12 hour work month. The first peer advocate position can be any Vernon youth and will be responsible for a myriad of tasks to help the coalition, the second peer advocate position focuses on recruitment for Real Talk and must be a RHS student.
5. Recent News: Fentanyl
 - a. A 13-year-old youth overdosed in Hartford while in school and a few students overdosed from vaping fentanyl in Norwalk
 - b. In response, the school is in the early stages of planning for getting staff trained in Narcan
6. Coalition Updates

- a. Amplify released a notice of funding for a State Opioid Response grant for \$5,000 that can be used until September. Amplify is awarding 14 grantees with 32 communities eligible. There is the ability to apply with other communities
 - i. Required Deliverables: utilize CT campaigns, use local and state data to guide priority populations and strategies, implement substance abuse prevention and behavioral health promotion initiatives within their communities
 - ii. Selected Deliverables: Host Narcan and QPR training, attend relevant continuing education conferences for coalition members, and provide re-entry bags for people discharged treatment
 1. Ideas for items to include in re-entry bags: toiletries and personal hygiene items, coloring books or other activity books, sensory tools, resource materials (how to use public transit, etc.) a backpack, or duffle bag
 - iii. We will need five letters of support to apply for the funding
 - iv. Letter of Intent is due 02/01/2022 and applications are due 02/18/2022
7. Upcoming Cannabis Trainings
- a. Ellington Take the Time Parent Training Series
 - i. Cannabis Presentation – 01/19/2022 virtually at 6 PM
 - b. Marijuana in the Workplace: Employer Perspectives for the Prevention Professional
 - i. 01/25/2022 virtually at 9:30 AM
8. Growth for 2022
- a. Plan an event for International Overdose Awareness Day 2022
 - i. Coalition Brainstorm
 1. Host an event that gets media attention
 2. Event Ideas: Lanterns on the water, sponsor a person
 3. Possible partnerships: The Garden Club in Vernon, Dave Owens (advertise it through the town)
 4. Goal: Put a face to the loses
 - b. Increase Sector Involvement - looking for civic volunteers, parent, business, and faith-based

- i. Possible coalition members: West Main Barbershop, Eric, Circle of Moms, Laundry Mat, Project Grad

9. Other Announcements

- a. The Village Human Trafficking and Internet Safety Webinar

- i. Hosted by The Underground New England on Wednesday, January 19 virtually from 7:00-9:00pm

- b. CT is mailing at-home covid tests available through a link

10. Next Meeting: February 16th