



Adults and Children Together (ACT) FINAL MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Sullivan Independence Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room

9:00am

Members In Attendance: Kathleen Griffin, Sarah Levy, Ginna Paules

Absent: Nicole Sherer, Dorothy Timmerman

Others in attendance: Members of the Fairfield Cares Alcohol and Health Task Force, Jeanne DiMuzio from RYASAP

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 am.

Item #1

Discuss the possible merger of Adults and Children Together (ACT), Fairfield's Prevention Council, with the Fairfield Cares Task Force in order to consolidate youth-serving prevention efforts and maximize resources.

A discussion was held jointly with the members of the Fairfield Cares Alcohol and Health Task Force. Cristin McCarthy Vahey and Jeanne DiMuzio led a conversation on the possible merger of ACT with Fairfield Cares. The grant requirements, appointment procedures and FOIA responsibilities of being the town's Prevention Council were discussed. Ms. DiMuzio explained the many advantages of having a single overarching committee responsible for the youth prevention efforts currently being undertaken by two separate entities. The concept of having one larger committee with subcommittees assigned to specific areas of responsibility was also discussed. It was noted that the current prevention council grant application that was recently approved by the RTM must be filed by December 23rd. Ms. DiMuzio offered to help with the application process. Ms. DiMuzio and Ms. McCarthy Vahey agreed to put together a structural diagram for the new committee and prepare suggestions on how best to manage official appointments to the committee.

Ms. Levy made the following motion:

That Adults and Children Together (ACT), Fairfield's current Prevention Council, merge with the Fairfield Cares Alcohol and Health Task Force, the committee name to be determined at a later date.

Ms. Paules seconded. The motion carried unanimously. There was also unanimous agreement among the Fairfield Cares committee members that the two committees merge.

Ms. Paules made a motion to adjourn at 11:10 am seconded by Ms. Levy. The motion carried unanimously.