

## Fairfield Cares Community Coalition

June 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Wendy Bentivegna, Philip Dwyer, Beth Kelly, Denique Weidema-Lewis, Reini Knorr, Catherine Giff, Marty Hauhuth, Nina Chanana

**Opened:** The general meeting was opened at 9:05 am by co-chair Wendy Bentivegna

**Minutes:** By consent, the May 20, 2015 meeting minutes were approved.

### UPDATES:

#### DMHAS Grant

- Positive Directions received the DMHAS CSC Grant (CT Strategic Prevention Framework Coalitions Initiative) to continue prevention work with Fairfield Cares. This grant is intended to help coalitions address substance abuse and improve mental health in their community and will most likely kick off in the fall with an assessment of community needs. More information to follow when available.

#### Fairfield Cares Brochure

- 200 brochures available for distribution; printed by Fairfield Warde Graphics
- Purchase plastic holders for brochures; create ready made displays for distribution at places like Library, Wakeman, YMCA etc...
- Coalition agreed to purchase \$100 gift card for Cathy Fell for her time and effort designing brochure
- Produce additional brochures on glossy card stock as affordable
- Share electronically with Reini for posting on FB page

#### LPC Funds Distribution Update

- School partnerships \$2,500 budgeted and distributed evenly between FLHS and FWHS for programs: \$1,000 each for individual programs followed by \$250 each for partnership on Harlan Cohen presentation~ very well promoted event!
- Community Partnerships \$1,500 budgeted; \$1,000 to FCS for Parent Connect; \$500 remaining
  - Produce and print Statute Cards for Police\*
- Tobacco \$1,000 budgeted and spent on e-cigarette educational materials
- Publicity \$675 budgeted; \$110 spent for FC brochure printing- \$565 remaining
  - Purchase multiple plastic holders to house brochures
  - Print additional brochures on upgraded stock

- Gift card for Card for Cathy Fell for brochure design

#### \*Statute Cards

Provide 2-sided 4x6 glossy statute cards as resource for police officers to carry in cruisers: marijuana possession penalties on one side and alcohol statutes for minors on flip side (borrowed from M.A.D.E in Madison coalition). Produce minimum of 50; personalize with FPD and FC logos.

#### **Parent Connect (as shared by Liz Decker via e-mail)**

- Overall participant feedback very positive, with desire for continued sessions in the Fall; FCS considering this.
- Participation totals:
  - Elementary school- 12 attendees (with 7 people attending multiple sessions)
  - Middle school- 6 attendees (with 4 repeating)
  - High school- 9 attendees (with 5 repeating)
- Format and topics worked well
- Interest expressed for topics including transitioning into high school, transition to college and navigating the college experience

#### **RYASAP**

- Prevention Party this Thursday at RYASAP @ 10am to share Best Practices and who does what in each community; all invited to attend
- Looking for older teens (between 18-20) to participate in undercover liquor store compliance checks; contact Denique with any potential names
- Looking to develop Regional Youth Volunteer Initiative around social good; youth focused and youth led; more information to follow once interested youth participants identified
- LPC Funds for next fiscal year expected to be equal to and potentially greater than current year (minimum \$5,675)
- Discuss integrating tobacco prevention into overall substance use prevention efforts vs separating funds for future

**Congratulations to Marty on her retirement; she will be missed!!**

Summer meeting(s) will be scheduled as needed; hope to stay connected primarily via e-mail

\*NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: September 9, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Bentivegna