

Fairfield Cares Community Coalition
November 19, 2015
8:30am – 9:47 am

Attendees: Phil Dwyer, Nina Chanana, Jennifer Owen, Wendy Bentivegna, Janice Kessler, Denique Weidema-Lewis, Pam Paulmann, Bob Esposito, Santina Galbo, Linda Raymond, Amanda Romaniello, Karin Shaughnessy, Lori Mediate, Tim Morris, Stephanie Swist, Jenn Jacobsen

1. Welcome

2. Approval of September and October minutes passed

3. CSC update:

- data collection complete
- Priority substance selected- alcohol; target 12-20 year olds
- strategic plan being developed
- 18 key informant interviews were conducted + 5 school nurses
- 16 high school and 25 youth group students (grades 9-12) were interviewed

Gap in KI:

- higher risk youth
- middle school (Karen and Sally will follow up)
- College- (KI questions will be sent to Pam)

Wendy will send KI info to committee

4. Freshman Forum

FLHS 52% attendance – 197 students/175 parents

- Bob shared a parent concern to look at underlying message: abstinence vs. harm reduction
- Bob and Wendy will meet with parent
- discussion of program being moved to grade 10?
- Trumbull has a grade 8 parent night on social support which might be a nice addition to the Grade 8 Risky Business program.

FWHS 255 students attended – most with parents

- Survey suggestions: AD speak on consequences in sports, Deans speak on discipline action at school, include risky behavior on social media.

Lori will discuss with Health Department about issue of students “shunning” students in recovery.

5. Announcements –

- MADD – Oct 24th Walk like MADD had 322 participants and was a great success.
- We Live Entertainment on Facebook- market underage parties to college students
- District Improvement Plan highlights improving transitions for students moving from elementary to middle and middle to high school; consider aligning our efforts similarly
- Denique Weidema-Lewis – RYASAP survey is planned for spring. Denique is taking suggestions for supplemental questions.

- International Survivors Suicide Loss Day 11/21 at Fairfield Museum 12-4
<http://www.afsp.org/coping-with-suicide-loss/international-survivors-of-suicide-loss-day>
- Steph is looking into starting a Father's Group after hearing a speaker from Center for Family Justice.
- March 7th - St. Thomas School Joani Geltman speaking on Media Reflection
<http://joanigeltman.com/>
- CNN The Hunting Ground- Sexual assault on college campuses. 11/19 at 9PM
<http://www.cnn.com/shows/the-hunting-ground>
- RYASAP –MYO group is looking for high school seniors to join. If they log 300 hours of service time they will receive \$1,000 stipend and an iPad.

Next meeting, December 16, 2015