

Fairfield Cares Community Coalition

Minutes

September 5, 2018

The meeting opened with introductions at 8:33am

Present: Amanda Romaniello, Tim Morris, Lori Mediate, Bernadette Coppola, Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Katy Rosenfeld, Jennifer Jacobson, Philip Dwyer, Cathy Hazlett, Lisa Pribesh, Reini Knorr, Margaret Watt, Caryn Campbell

June meeting minutes – The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Cathy Hazlett.

Chair update - Amanda Romaniello led discussion on four issues:

- a. **Recruitment for Secretary Position** – We have not been successful in recruiting a volunteer to serve in this roll. Discussion about how better to define this position by dividing the duties between “correspondence” and “recording” duties. Following that discussion Lori Mediate agreed to serve in a role of “communicating” to our constituents and ensure the agenda and minutes are provided to the Town Clerk and to ensure our various constituent’s and the coalition receive the appropriate communications. Margaret Watt agreed to take concurrent notes and provide them to an official secretary, yet to be recruited.
- b. **RYASAP student attitude and behavior survey:** Amanda updated the group on RYASAPs decision that they can only afford to pay for half the cost of the Search Institute survey and have asked Fairfield Cares to pay the other half, which is about \$2,500. The Leadership Team will review the various issues including the ability to add supplemental questions, to be co-sponsor for the survey, whether to change the survey period from the spring to the fall, and other details. The FC Leadership Team will make the final decisions.
- c. **Goals for 2018 – 2019:** Following the initial discussion some initial goals were identified as:
 - i. Each person responsible for a grant should submit their three main goals by September 7th.
 - ii. A goal around Vaping, “Hidden in Plain Sight” should be considered.
 - iii. There should be a goal that leads to sustainability
 - iv. We should engage with private schools with a goal of 2 or 3 schools.
 - v. We should discuss a fund raising and grantsmanship goal, including seeking a line item grant from the Town of Fairfield
- d. **Americorps Year 2 Status** – Their was an effort to share this position with Sacred Heart University. It did not produce results, and so Fairfield Cares will not host an AmeriCares position in 2018 – 2019.

Treasurer Report – Bernadette Coppola reported that for FY 2018 the LPC grant had a \$ 162 balance and the STR grant had a \$ 53 balance. Members were invited to ask any questions they might have.

LPC Grant Status – Lori Mediate asked for guidance from the group as to things to cover under the 2018 – 19 LPC grant application. Suggestions were:

- \$ 700 +/- for the Hidden in Plain Sight effort
- \$ 2,500 +/- for the RYASAP student survey
- Hold off on refresher QPR training (\$ 645 for 4 people) might be covered from another source
- Perhaps a goal to provide Behavioral Health Screening with Area providers that were contacted through the STR grant that would lead to CEU's.

Committee Chair Updates –

- Cathy Hazlett, chair of the Resource Committee reported that the STR renewal grant has been submitted for \$ 5,000. We are awaiting word but proceeding as if the grant will be awarded shortly. She also showed a draft of a brochure to be published titled *At Risk for an Opioid Overdose*. 1,500 will be printed and distributed to 1st responders and others.
- Katy Rosenfeld, chair of the Youth Committee reported that the first meeting will be on September 11th. There was also a report on the ride-a-long for youth on the police boat. Jennifer Jacobson and one youth were able to participate and it was a successful experience.
- Reini Knorr, chair of the Program Committee, reported on a variety of community programs where Fairfield Cares was represented. Included were: the recent mandatory team sports meeting at our two high schools, the Town Green Opioid vigil attended by 40 +/- people, 3 concerts over the summer. Planned events include the September 15 MADD event, the October 27th Out of the Darkness event and a banner will be displayed on the Town Green. A QPR training will be held on September 12th, sponsored by Positive Directions. Our T Shirts are being held at the Board of Health.

CSC Coordinator Update – Jenn Jacobsen reported that year 3 reports have been filed. An agreement has been worked out with Parks and Recreation to co-sponsor a middle school program starting in February with goal of 20 participants who will apply and be accepted. She hopes to expand the “Not under my Roof” program. Our material will also be included in the Police Departments annual letter to liquor stores.

Coalition Updates – Margaret Watt announced Wellness month in October which will include annual region-wide behavioral health screening initiative. Typically it is done at Fairfield's Flu Clinic with volunteer clinicians for the screenings and community members for the engagement/wellness piece. Contact Margaret at mwatt@healthymindsct.org Other ideas were Chamber of Commerce Harvest Fair on October 14th. Katy Rosenfeld would volunteer as a clinician – rosenfeld@lifebridgect.org. We should also consider the Farmer's Market or Black Rock Farmer's Market.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:08am

Temporary Secretary, Philip Dwyer

Next Coalition meeting:

Leadership Team on September 10th, 2018 @ 9:00am – Police Department

Coalition meeting pm September 26, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m - Bigelow Center