

Healthy Communities-Healthy Kids Coalition
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2010

Attendance

1. Tanja Moriarty, Chair HC-HK Coalition
2. Eileen Lawrence, Interim Co-Chair
3. Cheryl Chandler, Executive Director, YFSHK
4. Divinna Schmitt, Parent, Killingworth resident
5. John Westerholm, Minister, Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church
6. Mark Torello, Chair, B.O.D. YFSHK
7. Stephanie Warren, B.O.D. YFSHK
8. Hilary Kumnick, Parent, Killingworth resident
9. Catherine Iino, First Selectman, Town of Killingworth
10. Kathryn Glendon, YFSHK, Prevention Coordinator
11. Trooper Matthew Ward, CT. State Police
12. John Daviau, Environment Strategic Consultant
13. Carol Dupuis, Community member
14. Ann O'Mara, YFSHK

1. **Welcome/Introductions:** All members present introduced themselves and stated the community sector they represent.

2. Minutes approval from March 2010

Tanja Moriarty motioned, John Westerholm second. All in favor.

****Corrections: Publicity Committee Tanja wrote press releases on the Drug Take Back not for a video. Matthew Ward was omitted from March 2010 minutes.

3. **Announcements**

Kathryn Glendon made an announcement that thirteen Mini Grants from YFSHK were fulfilled. The mini grants will be announced in the Haddam Bulletin and the Killingworth Krier and also will be posted on the YFSHK website. Kathryn also reminded the coalition that the Drug Take Back event will be on Saturday, April 24th from 10:00 am. – 2:00 pm. five pharmaceutical interns from UCONN will be working at this event. Stephanie Warren said she passed out flyers for the Drug Take Back event at the Killingworth Transfer station and got a very positive response from people. She did note however, that people were disappointed that the event was not being held at the transfer station. Divinna Schmitt said that the older population was also disappointed that the event would not be held at the transfer station. John Westerholm commented that the flyer did not mention anything of young people getting involved in drugs primarily prescription drugs and asked why that was not on the flyer. Carol Dupuis informed the coalition that all publicity is coming from the state which focuses on environmental protection, and that she will be writing a letter to the editor of the Middletown Press regarding keeping kids safe with prescription drugs. Stephanie said that the Environmental Conservation Commissions wondered why they weren't contacted and would like to be involved in the future. Kathryn said that brochures on how to keep kids safe from prescription drugs will be passed out at the Drug Take Back event. Kathryn informed the coalition about the Diaper Drive being sponsored by Middlesex United Way and Middlesex Coalition for Children and passed out flyers to all. Kathryn said that tying in with the Environmental Strategies would be the Picture Project. Six disposable cameras were purchased and will be passed out to anyone who would like to take pictures of what children see to and from their way to school. For example alcohol signs, happy hours signs etc. Kathryn thanked Eileen Lawrence for being the interim co- chair until June.

➤ **Presentation by John Daviau on the Strategic Prevention Framework**

Kathryn introduced John and told the coalition members that John is a consultant to YFSHK for the Drug Free Communities grant. John is working in prevention with his own private consulting business.

Kathryn emailed the Environmental Prevention Strategies presentation to everyone after the meeting

4. Reports

Outreach committee

Cheryl Chandler reported that the Outreach committee has been having regular meetings. The committee would like to target specific businesses in the community. Once the brochure is complete for the coalition, the committee would like to go to individual businesses and invite business owners to a meet and greet in June. Cheryl thanked Eileen Lawrence for acting as the interim co-chair until June. May meeting will bring a friend.

Publicity Committee

Tanja Moriarty reported that Seth Nuzum designed the flyer for the Drug Take Back event. Tanja wrote press releases for the Drug Take Back and they were sent to several area newspapers and on-line publications. The Publicity committee is working on a brochure for the Healthy Communities-Healthy Kids Coalition.

Education Committee

Kathryn announced that there will be a presentation at HKHS on internet safety on May 5, 2010 at 8:50 am. Dave Matthews has been visiting other local high schools with students who gave the presentation. Eileen is focusing on looking at the 40 assets to flood the community with ideas. Materials were ordered from the Search Institute. Eileen said that the committee would like to hold events that would target the middle school students possibly an orientation with students and have speaker Liz Young who runs the orientation program in August at the event. Cheryl thanked Carol Dupuis for all her hard work for the Drug Take Back event.

- **Strategic Prevention Framework/State Incentive Grant (SPF/SIG)**

Cheryl showed the Together We Can poster that was presented in Washington, D.C. at the CADCA conference. The poster was created for the Underage Drinking Grant program. Cheryl pointed out to the coalition the different strategies that were on the poster. She also said that postcards were mailed to the tri town area. Cheryl said that the TWC coalition was working on Tips cards that can be used by parents, kids and all community members. Cheryl said that they are working on their website that will have a great deal of information for parents and also be linked to the Tri Town area Youth Service Bureaus. This will be something that can be carried out without the grant. The SPF/SIG grant will be coming to an end in June. Cheryl said the coalition will be doing a taping at Comcast Cable in two weeks featuring Matt Ward and Jeff Rhoades who are with Troop F and Troop K. The purpose of the video will be community awareness. This is also being used as the evaluation piece for the grant and it will also provide information of the results of how the grant was used. TWC received \$500.00 from SAMSHA for the town hall meeting. Students from every school district helped with taping. The film will be shown on local access television. TWC would like to get the three boards of directors along with selectman together

to hear a presentation given by the state police about the accomplishments that were achieved from the SPF/SIG grant.

- **Students against Destructive Decisions (SADD HKHS)**
HKMS and HKMS both received mini grants from YFSHK. Middle school SADD is having their Spring Fling on Friday, April 23, 2010 for 5th through 7th graders. All members are working on the dance.
- **Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Students (GLASS)**
No Report
- **Youth in Action (YIA)**
Youth in Action received a mini grant and will be hosting Dodge ball sometime in early May.
- **Great Initiatives Volunteering Everywhere (G.I.V.E.)**
G.I.V.E. members are planting vegetables at the Killingworth Community Garden to support the food bank this summer.
- **Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSAAC)**
No Report
- **Killingworth Women's Organization (KWO)**
No report
- **Haddam-Killingworth Lions Club**
Hilary Kumnick reported that along with the Killingworth Women's Organization they will be hosting a wine tasting on May 1, 2010 at the Killingworth Library. Tickets can be purchased on the KWO website or at the library. Also, the Lions are starting a Leo's club in the high school in September. The Leo's club was funded by a mini grant.
- **School Resource Officer (SRO)**
Trooper Matt Ward reported that Trooper Connelly will be attending the Drug Take Back event and also doing the mock car crash at the high school on May 25, 2010. Trooper Ward stressed the importance of internet safety to the coalition members.
- **Habitat for Humanity**
No report
- **Haddam-Killingworth Recreation Department**
No Report

- **Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc.**
See announcements.

- **School (s) Update**

- **Community Updates**

Catherine Iino said there is a citizen in Killingworth putting together a program on domestic violence. October is domestic violence month. Cheryl asked Catherine if a meeting had been scheduled yet. Catherine said not as of yet. Carol also brought up the subject of dating violence amongst teens. Schools have been approached on this subject. Cheryl said that YFSHK has been approached also on this subject and to have a program for girls and has contacted the guidance department. Mark Torello said that the Women & Families Center has a crisis center in Middletown.

Trooper Matt Ward said the Killingworth Nursery School – Tiny Tots will be having an I.D. Kit event for children in May. Catherine informed members that the Saturday before Mother’s Day, Killingworth has a Community Day. This Community Day, members would like to have a Gun Safety Table. Trooper Matt Ward would hand out gun locks.

Next Meeting and adjournment

Meeting officially adjourned: 9:12 am

Next meeting – Wednesday, May 19, 2010
HKHS lower Media Center at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann O’Mara