

Healthy Communities-Healthy Kids Coalition  
Meeting Minutes  
September 22, 2010

**Attendance**

1. Tanja Moriarty, Chair HC-HK Coalition
2. Eileen Lawrence, Interim Co-Chair HC-HK Coalition
3. Cheryl Chandler, Executive Director, YFSHK
4. Susan Dean, RSD 17 Board of Education
5. Catherine Iino, First Selectman, Town of Killingworth
6. Kathryn Glendon, YFSHK, Prevention Coordinator
7. Dave Matthews, Media Specialist HKHS
8. Carol Dupuis, Community member
9. Michael Malone, Pastor Haddam Congregational
10. Doug Sumner, Haddam resident, Parent
11. Ernest Nagler, Mentor Program, RSD 17
12. Stephanie Warren, Board of Directors, YFSHK
13. Erin Buckley, Student, HKHS
14. John Westerholm, Minister, Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church
15. Linda Mason, MCSAAC
16. Michelle Gardner, Student, HKHS
17. Mark Torello, Chair, Board of Directors, YFSHK
18. Kristen Stolen, Student, HKHS
19. Allie Peplau, Student, HKHS
20. Kerry Smith, Social Worker, RSD 17
21. Heather MacIntyre, Student, HKHS
22. Sarah Goldsmith, Student, HKHS
23. Divinna Schmitt, Parent
24. Trooper Jim Connelly, Haddam Resident Trooper, CT. State Police
25. Seth Nuzum, Youth Minister, Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church
26. John Daviau, Prevention Consultant
27. Gail Rosenberg-Powell, Business Owner Haddam
28. Ally Rodmon, Student, RSD 17
29. Ann O'Mara, YFSHK

- 1. Welcome/Introductions:** All members present introduced themselves and stated the community sector they represent. The coalition thanked Tanja Moriarty for serving as co-chair and for her commitment to the coalition. This will be Tanja's last meeting as co-chair but she will continue to serve as a coalition member.
- 2. Minutes:** September minutes, Seth motioned, Jim second. All in favor.
- 3. Upcoming Events**

#### **Outdoor Family Movie Night**

Tanja informed the coalition that YFSHK will be hosting Outdoor Family Movie Night on September 24, 2010. Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church will be providing the popcorn and popcorn machine for this event.

#### **Pumpkin Run**

Kate passed out a volunteer signup sheet for YFSHK Seventeenth Annual Pumpkin Run that will be held on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Membership Guideline Packet**

1. Kate told members that they have a HK-HC Membership Guideline packet included with their agenda at today's meeting. She informed the coalition that over the summer the outreach committee along with John Daviau helped to develop the guidelines. Kate asked the coalition to review and if there were any questions or concerns that John would help the coalition to address them. John explained that the levels of membership were simplified and descriptions for committees were written. There were some questions regarding officers and it was decided that the members review and meet about the guidelines at the next meeting. Mark questioned that the coalition was eliminating the 4 years max for co-chairs. He explained that it usually takes two years to get off the ground and at least another two to contribute. Tanja felt that three years was plenty of time and said that it would be good to have others at the helm and still be part of the coalition. John suggested considering staggering co-chairs terms. Kate reported that there is a new committee that being the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will consist of the co-chairs and one member from each sub-committee. The committee will meet once or twice a year to help guide the coalition with the whole process. Kate said that usually the coalition votes at meetings but if time doesn't allow the members can always vote by email and wanted members to be aware of that.

Eileen said questions had come up in the past regarding fundraisers where alcohol was available or served and it was agreed upon that a decision was not made and it should be brought up again for the coalition to discuss and review. Eileen asked does the coalition want to have a policy on alcohol being available or served at fundraisers that the coalition is involved in. Stephanie asked at what point we demonstrate responsible drinking. Kate said that the coalition can provide a host

TIPS training to show responsible adult drinking and also for parties have volunteers sign up to provide a designated driver service.

Mark said that he has 300 non-profits as clients and attends at least 50 fundraisers a year. Alcohol is served where appropriate and children do not attend these fundraisers. Mark stated that you can limit your ability to successful fundraising. It should be as appropriate. Seth asked if YFSHK provided alcohol to its Holiday Party fundraiser. Cheryl told him that it is donated by Hi-Way Package store. Carol said that she felt that it was fine for YFSHK but HC-HK should not show kids that their coalition has fundraisers where alcohol is and that you can have all kinds of healthy activities. Doug said that HC-HK possibly limits the fundraising where alcohol is served or available and Tanja asked if there is a need to have fundraisers. Kate said yes, for when the grant runs out so HC-HK needs to think about fundraising now.

John said that guidelines can be amended and voted on at the next meeting. Kate suggested looking over the Mission Statement.

## **5. Comparative Survey Results**

Kate reported that the Search Institute Survey 2010 was taken by Haddam-Killingworth 7-12 graders in May 2010. YFSHK received the results in August 2010. She asked coalition to see results chart. She pointed out that there were great improvements in asset building and reduction in underage drinking. The Board of Education has a copy of the data and will be meeting with the B.O.E. soon. Gary Mala has a full report.

Committee's talked over the summer about starting a campaign with parents for the Social Norms campaign. Kate said the committee is meeting after today's coalition meeting to address the results of the survey.

## **6. 12 Month Action Plan**

Kate reviewed the 12 month action plan and asked the coalition to review the plan and share any ideas or questions.

## **7. Sub-Committee Reports**

### **Outreach Committee**

Doug reported that the last few months they have identified a new co-chair who is Seth Nuzum. The committee discussed guidelines on alcohol free activities. Seth would like to have a meet and greet with the committees and businesses. He said it would allow the two to come together. Cheryl suggested a meet and greet with students also would be great. The first meeting will be before the October coalition meeting.

### **Publicity Committee**

Tanja thanked Seth for creating a new brochure for H-HK. Kate showed the safe home pact that Seth made and the coalition will re-organize the Parent Pledge.

### **Educational Programs & Activities Committee**

Eileen asked if we have sign-up sheets for people to join committees. Kate said they did and people could sign up if they would like to.

## **8. Reports**

- **Strategic Prevention Framework/State Incentive Grant (SPF/SIG)**  
Cheryl reported that the Underage Drinking Grant ended on June 30, 2010. HC-HK presented at the EUDL conference with the state police. The presentation was very successful. Cheryl will be presenting to all six communities even without funding. She has been in touch with a pro bono attorney to copyright coalitions materials, billboards, etc.
- **Students against Destructive Decisions (SADD HKHS)**  
A SADD student reported that the first meeting was last Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Chair of the Texas Group “Teens in the driver’s seat” spoke to the group and passed out a survey about drinking and driving.
- **Mentor Program – RSD 17**  
Ernie said more mentors are needed from the community. He handed out a flyer to anyone who is interested or knows someone who would be.
- **Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Students (GLASS)**  
No Report
- **Youth in Action (YIA)**  
No Report
- **Great Initiatives Volunteering Everywhere (G.I.V.E.)**  
No report
- **Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSAAC)**  
Linda Mason started this summer with MCSAAC. The annual meeting will be on October 15, 2010 at 8:00 am. It will be MCSAAC’s 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. DHMAS released funds for local prevention council. There is a small grant from AMA to look at tobacco prevention to educating young people.
- **Killingworth Women’s Organization (KWO)**

No report

- **Haddam-Killingworth Lions Club**

No Report

- **School Resource Officer (SRO)**

No report

- **Habitat for Humanity**

Heather reported that Habitat has a new intern now and they are just starting the group.

- **Haddam–Killingworth Recreation Department**

No report

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

Cheryl reported that Domestic Violence Training will be sending someone out to YFSHK and also if pastors, police or anyone interested to please let her know. It will be approximately a 45 minute presentation. Kate announced that a new secretary is needed and if anyone is interested to please let her know.

- **School (s) Update**

No report

- **Community Updates**

Seth announced that Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church is hosting a Halloween non alcohol event with six other churches. The cost is \$40.00 per person.

Kate thanked the students for joining the coalition and also to Tanja Moriarty for serving as co-chair.

Meeting officially adjourned: 9:10 am

Next meeting –October 20, 2010 – Central Office

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann O'Mara