

Healthy Communities-Healthy Kids Coalition
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2010

Attendance

1. Eileen Lawrence, Interim Co-Chair HC-HK Coalition
2. Seth Nuzum, , Youth Minister, Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church
3. Kathryn Glendon, YFSHK, Prevention Coordinator
4. Carol Dupuis, Community member
5. Michael Malone, Pastor Haddam Congregational
6. Ernest Nagler, Mentor Program, RSD 17
7. John Westerholm, Minister, Valley Bible Evangelical Free Church
8. Divinna Schmitt, Parent
9. Doug Sumner, Parent
10. Trooper Jim Connelly, CT State Police, Haddam Resident Trooper
11. Susan Dean, Board of Education, RSD 17
12. Neil English, Assistant Principal, HKMS
13. Linda Kaufmann, Nursing Supervisor, RSD 17
14. Michelle Ouellette, Health & P.E. teacher, HKMS
15. Sabrina Valenti, Intern, YFSHK
16. Ann O'Mara, YFSHK

1. Welcome/Introductions:

All members present introduced themselves and stated the community sector they represent. Eileen asked that the October minutes wording be changed regarding the vote for alcohol free events hosted by HC-HK. Carol motioned, Divinna second.

2. Coalition Report

Kate asked members to make sure they sign-in because attendance for meetings has to be reported for the grant. Kate also asked members if they were unable to attend a meeting, to please send a report to let the coalition know what their group or organization is doing. In May and November there is a sixth month annual report due and Kate would like members to report on their work with coalition activities. A form will be sent to members regarding this matter.

Kate reported that the Pumpkin Run 2010 was a huge success. There were 355 registered runners and 107 children registered for the kids fun run. There was a 30 percent increase this year. The event continues to grow every year. YFS and the Hartford Marathon organize the event. Also, new to the race this year were electronic timing chips. Eileen Lawrence placed third in the women's division.

Trooper Connelly reported that the first Stuff-a-Cruiser event partnered with YFS to supply gifts to families in need was very successful. He explained that this year was a learning curve and next year the event should be held in the center of Higganum and at a later date. He also informed members that Trooper Matt Ward was in Killingworth collecting gifts and donations at the Killingworth Transfer Station. Trooper Connelly said they did very well in Killingworth and that a resident gave Cheryl a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00. Kate said the Channel 3 News interviewed herself and Trooper Connelly and they were on the 11:00 pm news and morning news. Kathryn thanked Trooper Connelly. Trooper Connelly said that he would like to have two large banners in each town for next year to advertise the event heavily.

3. Outreach Committee

Doug Sumner said he would like to do a meet and greet with businesses. Kate said that there will be a meet and greet after the December 15th meeting. It will either be at the meeting location or a different location. Kate told members if they would like to bring a friend or business member that would be welcomed.

4. Publicity Social Norm Committee

Seth said the first billboard was pilot tested and came back with negative results. New proofs will be going out in a couple weeks. Kate said questions about the new billboard will be going out to members for their comments and suggestions.

5. Education Committee

Kate said that the drug chat posters will be going up this week at the HKMS & HKHS. The posters have drug myths and then the actual facts about drugs on them.

6. Reports

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

A presentation is being given to the Town of Westbrook this morning at the request of the First Selectman of Westbrook, Noel Bishop. The presentation is an overview of the Together We Can Coalition and the interventions used to reduce underage drinking. The presentation is being made by Cheryl Chandler, Executive Director of Youth and Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, TFC Jeffrey Rhoades, Resident State Trooper, Town of East Haddam, Sergeant James Gilman, Troop F and Mark Walters, First Selectman of East Haddam.

Students against Destructive Decisions (SADD HKHS)

Michelle reported that as part of Safety Day SADD members did anti-drug posters and hung them in the cafeteria. Next week students will be decorating bags for the holidays that will have messages saying please don't drink and drive. These bags are used in local package stores.

Mentor Program – RSD 17

Ernie reported that the sister school to RSD 17 will be having 2-3 visitors from Shandong schools in January. He asked if anyone was interested in having a host home or knows of a translator to please let him know. Ernie said perhaps the coalition would consider holding a banquet to meet and welcome the Chinese visitors.

Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Students (GLASS)

No Report

Youth in Action (YIA)

Kate reported that YIA will be having a volleyball event to raise money for a local charity in a few weeks.

Great Initiatives Volunteering Everywhere (G.I.V.E.) Sabrina informed coalition members that students in G.I.V.E. sent letters to residents in a convalescent home and hopefully will hear back from them. They also held a bake sale at the Stuff-a-Cruiser event to raise funds for the Humane Society. Students are also collecting blankets and towels for local animal shelters at HKMS.

Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council (MCSAAC)

No Report

Killingworth Women's Organization (KWO)

No report

Haddam-Killingworth Lions Club

No Report

School Resource Officer (SRO)

No Report

Habitat for Humanity

No Report

Haddam–Killingworth Recreation Department

No report

Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc.

See above announcement

School (s) Update

No people

Community Updates

Divinna reported that the support group that she runs is meeting this evening. The group meets every third Wednesday of the month. The support group is for parents of children with behavioral problems. Divinna told members that she has posters if anyone would like one.

Doug reported that hopefully there will be a flag football game on Friday night. The football booster club is waiting for 100% approval and need a faculty member to sign off on the game. The purpose of this event is to raise money for the bleachers project. YFSHK is co-sponsoring this event.

Susan Dean told members that there is a B.O.E. meeting in Haddam at 7:00 pm this evening. The meeting is at the Haddam Elementary school. There will also be a meeting at KES.

Michael announced that the Thanksgiving service will be held on Tuesday and if anyone would like to sing in the choir, to arrive at 6:00 PM at Haddam Congregational Church on Tuesday November 23.

Drug Identification Presentation

Kate introduced Trooper Adam Brown from Chester.

Trooper Brown gave a 40 minute presentation to the coalition on Drug identification. Trooper Brown is the resident state trooper in Chester.

Meeting officially adjourned: 9:10 a.m.

Next meeting Wednesday, 12/15/10 at 8:00 a.m. – HKHS Lower Media Center

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann O'Mara