



Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth Coalition Meeting
April 27th, 2018
Bethlehem Church 123 Allen Street Hampden
Minutes

Attendees: Brad Sperry and Joe Kielczewski, Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club; Tom Brennan, Bethlehem Church; Ruth DiCristoforo, Coalition Coordinator; Gina Kahn, Coalition and HWRSD Safe Schools/Healthy Students Director; Tracy Bauduccio, Youth Liaison; Teri Brand, HWRSD Nurse Leader health and Wellness; Ralph Clark, Evangel Assembly of God; Gail Gramarossa, Public Health Consultant; Bill Jacques, Hampden PD; Marcy Julian, Learn to Cope; Sebastian Karpinski, Alex Karpinski, and Michael Talaia MRHS Student; Amy Kasper, Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine; Kristen Stauffer, BHN;

- I. **Welcome:** Coalition Coordinator Ruth DiCristoforo welcomed the participants. As a recognition of new staff member, Tracy Bauduccio, Youth Liaison/Communications Coordinator, members were asked to answer what communication meant to them in their work and also what their hope for how the Coalition can impact Youth in the community. Group members went around and made their introductions and statements. Ruth provided a review of the agenda, and feedback survey format to all members. Tracy Bauduccio talked about her background, as well as the goal of her role on the coalition. Ruth/Gina reviewed the DFC Info Graphic flyer (attached) with the group. Ruth shared the bracelets with the group, passing them around, encouraging the members to take several and distribute. Ruth is encouraging the “MY LIFE MATTERS” bracelets to be shared all throughout the community.
- II. **YRBS 2018 Survey Update:** Gina provided an update on the YRBS Survey results. This survey is provided to students 7-12th grade annually since 2009; Sebastian wanted to understand the validity and outliers. Gina explained that data is scrubbed and outliers are removed to improve the accuracy of the results. Gail explained that the youth is getting creative with what and how they are using substances. Sebastian stated that there is a big problem with the Juul at MRHS ; 50% students have them and 30% are bringing to school. Sebastian suggested that we move as a group to move the age from 18-21 for buying any tobacco products. Possibly get on the June selectman meeting schedule. This initiative needs to include Wilbraham and Hampden on the efforts collaboratively – need age to be increased in both towns. The youth have a powerful voice – discuss in the Youth Initiative meeting 5/3. There are challenges with Fake ID’s, Edible substances. Data is being reviewed and the next coalition meeting will be dedicated to reviewing the results and creating action items based on the results.
- III. **Coalition Sustainability** – By-Laws Review, Fiscal Agent (Year 6-10) – Gina discussed the 2019 (6-10 yr.) application for the DFC funding as well as the experience for years 1-5 being under the school district. This is a competitive application process which needs to be remitted in March 2019 for the 7/1/19 fiscal year. HWP4Y

needs to create by-laws to formalize processes and best practices. These will be created and shared with the group for review.

- IV. **SAMHSA** – Gina explained that there is a grant available; \$125k for 3 years. There are 120 awards nationally. The HWP4Y will be potentially applying for this grant.
- V. **Accepting/Processing Outside Financial donations** - Ruth discussed outside donations. The process of setting up recordkeeping through the current fiscal agent or the donating organization. The coalition does not currently have the capacity to accept outside donations.
- VI. **Mercy Hospital Narcan Education Program Follow up/Narcan Availability** - Narcan is available at Mercy Tapestry as well as CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid without a prescription. Insurance co-payment is due at the time of pickup. MA Narcan funding is low – price has increased, there are 2 doses per package.
- VII. **Social Media** – Tracy discussed the value and benefit to adding a Facebook page for the Coalition as another form of communication to the community. Social media can help share information about the coalition to the community and beyond. Sharing events, educational videos, monthly topics, parent resources, photos, newsletter, health and wellness. It is important to manage this resource regularly, data needs to be updated. The group voted yes to move forward with Facebook page. Tracy will set up the page and take the lead; ***need 2-3 volunteers for steering committee to review the data and provide backup to Tracy if/when necessary.***
- VIII. **Mid-Year CADCA Training Institute Budget (7/15 – 7/19)** –Gina discussed the budget for CADCA conference scheduled for 7/15-7/19 in Orlando FL. Gina would like up to 4 adults and 4 children to attend. The budget amount is \$10k it is approximately \$2,000 per adult and \$1,400 per student. There is still discussion about who will attend.
- IX. **SRO Dan Mendard, Wilbraham PD – A special announcement!** –Wilbraham School Resource Officer Dan Menard has been promoted to Sargent; Dan has been a tremendous partner to the coalition and has been the resource officer at Minnechaug. There will be additional discussion regarding Dan’s transition and continued involvement in prevention
- X. **Logo Debut** – Ruth shared the final logo which was previously voted on and now finalized.
- XI. **Rotary Scholarship Announcement** – The Rotary Club awards 9 scholarships/\$1,500 each student; Isabella Ferraro received one of these scholarships. Isabella is the president of ATI (Above the Influence).
- XII: **UPDATES**
 - 1. **4/4 Stop the Swerve Hampden County District Attorney Distracted Driving PSA**-MRHS Honorable Mention-Ruth shared that ATI received recognition by the DA for their video about the consequences of underage drinking with an honorable mention as well as a \$1000 prize for video equipment.
 - 2. **4/24 YMCA Healthy Kids Day** –Event (200 participants, **Thank** You Isabela and Sage)- Gina shared that the coalition was represented at the YMCA Healthy Kids day; Isabella & Sage attended and stated that everyone loved the MY LIFE MATTERS bracelets; another touch point in the community
 - 3. **4/28 National Take Back Day is Every Day** – Ruth reminded the group that national take back day is Saturday April 28th. Reminder that drugs can be brought to the police stations 24/7 because Hampden and Wilbraham have permanent Rx Drop boxes.
 - 4. **5/1 How to Talk to Kids about Alcohol program**- Ruth thanked members for their advance support of this program through social messaging, hosting lawn signs, committing to participating in the Expo, and helping to

make this a Community event. Members were given a flyer and asked to continue to spread the word about the program.

5. **5/3 Youth-Initiative Kick-off Launch meeting** – Ruth shared with the members that there will be a Youth Initiative kick-off launch meeting at 5 p.m. MRHS District Conference Room. This will be a group of 6 – 8 students, current YAB (Youth Advisory Board), ATI (Above the Influence), and other interested students. Participants will also include HWP4Y staff (Gina Kahn, Tracy Bauduccio, Ruth DiCristoforo), Parent Lynette Cato, Chris Woods, United Way Pioneer Valley, Doria Pocella from Hampden Library. Other future community partners include Scantic Valley YMCA, Rev. Clark of Assembly Church, Mike Roy, HWRSD Athletic Director, Gina Roy, HWRSD, Dan Menard, SRO HWRSD, and Officer Jacques, Hampden Police Department.
6. **5/4 Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni Youth Advisory Board Breakfast**- Gina – Staff from the coalition , including the HWRSD Superintendent, Wilbraham Chief of police, School Resource Officer, and several parents will be attending the YAB event. The students will be recognized by the DA and be speaking about their experience on the YAB this past year.
7. **5/23 Things to Know before Kids leave High School program (6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)** – Gina shared that the coalition will partner with Heidi Drawiec, MRHS Dean of Students, to share a program about *Things to Know Before Kids Go*, with Seniors that are going to college and their parents/guardians.

XV. Closing

1. **Feedback Survey** – Members filled out the survey and returned it to Ruth.
2. **Meeting Schedule:** Friday, May 18th 1 p.m. (**LOCATION to be determined.**)
3. Friday, June 15th 1 p.m. *Student Recognitions* (**LOCATION to be determined.**)

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