

Hampden-Wilbraham Partners for Youth - Minutes
HWRSD Superintendent's Conference Room, 621 Main Street, Wilbraham
Friday, July 19th, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

12:30-1:00 Lunch and Business Meeting

A. Introductions/ By Sector

Gail Gramarossa, Tech consultant, Gina Anselmo, DA Prevention Youth, Ralph Clark, Youth Evangel Assembly, Youth rep, Brad Sperry, Rotary club WH, Joanne Ross, Teacher Mile Tree, Lisa Person, Parent/Teacher in District, Catherine Brooks, CES, Gina Kahn, Coalition Director, Sean Kennedy, Parent/School Committee, Tracy Bauduccio Youth Liaison, Deb Kelder YMCA, Joe K, Rotary Club HW, Dan Menard WPD, Cindy Milner

B. Budget and Reporting

a. No-Cost Extension (NCE) request

Grant ends 9/30 after this date we are not technically funded - gap could be more than a month.

Stop ACT - received message on 7/5 at 3:30 - connected with Latonya regarding an issue with the budget submitted for STOP Act year 4. Problem with the budget narrative was carryover instead of request for year 4. This grant is about \$45,000 - \$30,000 would be the anticipated amount of what the coalition would have for the next 12 months.

The expectation is that the coalition would continue as self-sufficient and not rely on the funding, how the work can be supported if the funding does not come or comes later in 2019 year.

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GAIL - 1000's of coalitions across the country exist. Understand that 10 years is not uncommon for funding. We have a name for the gap year. It is common that you will not get funded immediately following the 5 year. The grant application was very strong; peers are reviewing, many if not most have not visited this location in the country.

Prepare for gap year with NCE - need to keep activities going until you apply again. The funding only goes for 10 years - that is the maximum. National director at the CADCA conference said "we want you to have your funding" The pool of competition is much more sophisticated

JOE - what is the scoring -

GAIL peer reviewers are trained and given a rubric

Small group from the district came to peer review team with a different lens than those of us working with it daily. Their input was valuable.

There is a specific budget that was prepared and is being shared that would allow us to sustain based on a cut back on staff until June. This is in line with the volunteer leadership goal that a coalition should be working towards. Should still be able to accomplish activities independent of funding. Looking into becoming a nonprofit 501(c)(3). Fund raising, under the umbrella of non-profit.

i. budget finalization-- implications for Coalition operations 2019-2020

Discussion about budget. Most important to protect the stability of the coordinator, keep organization going and organize how the coalition will transition to more volunteer lead. Of the \$30000 - went to personnel. No director in the NCE interval, take on the role combined Ruth is in at the Stop Act grant .3 FTE, very small % allocated. That role would take on director/coordinator role as other coalitions do. Gina will not walk away however there is not a formal budget item. We want to also have 2 events. Need to have an existing approved activity to use the remainder of the money (1300) NCE written for 9 months coverage through the end of June 2020 to align with fiscal agent - school year. There will be another year of data to collect that will be included in the 9 month NCE coverage.

Partners in Prevention forum...justification for continuation. Postpone as rational for extension.

Could potentially reach out to the sectors, including the school-Title 4 grant that could be used for school safety and substance prevention. This could be something that the school could help fund the coalition.

Meeting in the summer with Howie to discuss the schools involvement - support.

- ii. vote to approve/submit
Sean Kennedy made a motion to support the NCE and Dan Menard 2nd the motion - all in favor, no opposed. - 16 participants in total

- b. DFC Competitive Continuation Grant Application and Year Four Stop Act Continuation Application update
- c. Finance/Operations representatives to meet with Fiscal Agent to explore non-profit status 501(c)(3)
Set up meeting with Howie to see who would like to be part of that meeting - anyone is welcome.
- d. DFC-Reports Due: Friday, August 16th - will be completed on time. will follow-up when we meet next
 - i. Annual Coalition Classification Tool (DFC Me),
 - ii. Annual Financial Report (FFR)
 - iii. Semi-annual Programmatic Report

C. Annual Survey--Why



<https://forms.gle/AbdhDBr12HS4AnVNA>

1:00-2:15-- 2019 YRBS Data Dive

A. Positive and Negative Changes

Traditional Tobacco flat lined -

Alcohol - declined

Parent - Joanne - when are you asking that question? Asked every year in April - 30 day use should reflect regular use, changing the timing of the request can change the data collected. We want to have an accurate pole on the data that is being collected.

If asking in September those numbers might be higher - are they being honest

CES cleans the data and they see consistency with the data, they look for outliers. There are some that are clearly not being honest. What you can't determine - mostly honest but are nervous to share if they are actually using. There is suspect that there is some of that. Sean, talked to 10 kids that took the survey - take into context - everyone knows that they know who submits what. Most kids say no even if they have done something - where they are honest is when they are talking about others. Instances where Juuls have been confiscated - 3 were taken and parents came to get them to give back to the kids. we can only use the data that is provided. WE have not added a question to ensure that people are being honest? We can say more kids are vaping and fewer kids are doing other things.

On an average month almost 9 out of 10 are not using marijuana! 88% or almost 90% are not using Marijuana. Usage shows 11.9% 2019 data for high school

Parent - not believing the data - believe that there is much more people vaping - regularly, upstairs boys bathroom - after lunch 7 cart in the sink - 7 kids? - Threw into the sink - be afraid of the number in the sink. Don't get distracted by the false sense of confidence - doesn't matter % we are off, we are still continuing to work on the problem at 10% or 90%

DA focus group conversations with youth advisory board does support the data and not EVERYONE is doing it but the same group of kids that are frequenting the bathroom - you are seeing the same group of kids -

Do not get stuck on our data - maybe our problem is bigger - twice as big - what are we going to do about it?? How do you reach those kids that are vaping - using substance?

The goal of the coalition is bringing all of you and the sector representatives, not just coalition, not just PD, not just parents. Local conditions show that MS kids are now using nicotine and THC and by the time we can intervene they are already addicted. We see the trends and the direction that they are going in supports the story - however it is getting younger. Should the school committee discuss this? 0 tolerance policy - support - no support. Parent shared that child was caught - resources currently offered are useless. Watched videos - consequences are not enough.

Gina - DA - can we try to provide resources to these kids that are caught, it is an addictive substance and we need to provide them with the information - cost, taking you away from other activities. Education needs to be at a younger age.

The policy role of the coalition needs to come into fruition - need to have the important conversations and take this information to the school committee.

GAIL - dealing with multiple school districts from a coalition that is next to Wilbraham, all coalitions are faced with what they can do. Where is the support for addiction and cessation around nicotine addiction? What can we do, what is available, bring coalitions together to see what we can do to combat this as a group.

Rules, accountability, also acknowledging that this is an addictive substance.

AS said by Ruth Potee - every day we educate and keep our kids away from substance.

Possibly we would follow cohorts in the future, not just grades and ages.

Coping skills should be a focus - 30 % of HS students report being sad/depressed. Mental health is so important - there is a suicide prevention curriculum in our schools, and mental health screening, SBIRT in 9th grade, there are more and more resources that are coming and in place that allow us a window into what the kids are feeling and experiencing. If the result of this is that kids are using substances, this is a bigger problem - self medicating. Advisory at our schools allows for relationships to build with the adults.

We need to work with the advisors to make sure they are building the relationship and break down the walls to allow for kids to seek out help when needed.

B. Action Steps-- Social/Positive Norms Campaign Phase 2

Focus group will be connecting in the next month to continue to the messaging, consider new message based on 2019 data.

2:15-2:30-- News and Upcoming Events-- Next Meeting Thursday August 15, noon

A. Share News

B. Steering Board Retreat (September 2019)

- a. Purpose--Coalition Matters--Life After DFC
- b. Agenda

C. Partners in Prevention Leadership Forum (October 2019)

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- b. Agenda



United for Safe, Healthy, and Drug-free Communities

We believe preventing and reducing youth substance use is a collective responsibility.

We strive to implement a coordinated, comprehensive, and sustainable plan of evidenced based programs, activities and resources that positively impact a healthy childhood development of our youth.