

RCFY meeting Minutes
May 13, 2010, 9 – 10:30 am, Lamprey Health Care

Present :

Business Community	Stephen Sloan	
Parent	Celeste Clark	
Religious/ Fraternal	Ali Bousquin	Bethany Church
	Kevin McBride	Raymond Baptist
School		
Civic/ Volunteer		
Law Enforcement		
	Chief David Salois	Raymond Police Department
	Susan Frotton	School Resource Officer RPD
Health Care	Carrie Chooljian	Lamprey Health Care
State/local tribal GOV.	Mike Kappler	State Representative
Other org - reducing use	Christine Desormier	Seacoast Mental Health
	Sandi Rubchinuk	
	Kim Coronis	Breathe NH
Youth Serving org	Terri Holland	Child and Family Service SAP
	Tammy Reardon	Raymond Rec
Media		

Thank you to Hannaford for breakfast

Thank you all for coming. Introductions and updates:

Celeste gave an update to the group before the start. The RCFY BOD continues to visit and acknowledge the need to stay on top of the sustainability of RCFY. This past month a consultant came in to do some work with the BOD and evaluate how things are going. The discovery. Our sustainability comes from “people at our table who believe in and are committed to the RCFY mission and funding. We once again thanked everyone at the table and offered a token of our appreciation for their dedication to RCFY and the youth in our community.

With this in mind, as we went around the table everyone was asked to introduce themselves, give an update of where they or their organization is and the value or how RCFY can work with them to help.

Some items mentioned:

- Tammy Reardon of the Rec, they are sponsoring Grad night and are low on funding and in need of donations for the evening.
- Mike commented on the success of his neighborhood watch. He is willing to help other neighborhoods that are interested in starting one up too.
- Chief Salois commented on funding cuts and how it effects the local police department
- Terri mentioned that due to funding cuts her hours will be cut back at RHS next year.
- Seacoast Mental Health will also have cuts but due to restructuring they are lucky enough to be hiring two new therapists. Christine also mentioned the opportunity to bring a substance prevention program to the Raymond area (ASAP) if we can collaborate and find funding and space. Celeste will be contacting her to see what they can do. In the fall they will be bringing in a therapist to Lamprey Health Care that can work with kids in need of services who can not make the commute to the Exeter location.

- Officer Sue Frotton commented on the benefit of having funding to allow her to work in the schools.
- Carrie had a question in regard to Strengthening Families. She has a flyer that it is taking place in Epping/Newmarket and possibly could have had referrals but it mentions families have to be from Epping/Newmarket. We will try and find an answer. Most of us thought these programs were open for all.
- Kim from Breathe commented on the success of her youth group passing a law that electronic cigarettes that contain nicotine but not tobacco can NOT be sold to anyone under 18. This product is of great concern because people do not realize the hazard associated with them. It is commonly referred to as ‘vaping’
- Kevin said his church is hoping to have a recovery – 12 step program for substance abuse up and running in the fall. Headstart at his location is closing, again due to funding but they are trying to see how the church can help to keep this open.
- To this Carrie commented that she thought Families first was offering a summer parent education series in Raymond – we will look into this as well.
- Sandi Rubchinuk was introduced as the new CPC for the SPF grant in region J. We are very happy to have her on board and look forward to learning more about SPF as we move forward and she is looking forward to meeting all of our partners

Throughout the conversation it is clear that funding is a top issue for all the great work that is going on. It was pointed out the great partnerships that are formed at our table and the potential to bring in funding for programs and services when we sit and work together. RCFY has a very strong relationship with both the school district and police department. Together they have worked on numerous projects over the past year that have yielded a good funding for great endeavors, some of which are listed below.

Marketing RCFY was discussed. How do we get our message to the public to involve more people? This lead to the next item, the Raymond Town Fair. For the first time this year we have parents who have stepped up and offered to be involved and help run a booth to let more people know about RCFY. We are going to seize this opportunity.

Great ideas were shared to ‘market’ RCFY including balloons with our logo and a card attached with RCFY info, cards with lollipops attached, running commercials or infomercials at Movie Night with Corporal Kelly, a bulk mailing to the town. Carrie will let Celeste know when is a good time to come in and give a presentation for a Lunch and Learn at Lamprey Health Care. This can be done for other companies as well.

Making Change had three people from Raymond at the training. This is support program that runs weekly with the same facilitators. For this reason it is a bit hard to sustain without committed individuals. This might be an option for Kevin and the Baptist church for their recovery group that will be forming in the fall. Celeste has also learned of ‘Better Choices’ offered by Robert Bryant of VT. It is a diversion program for 19 and 20 year olds. We need more information but it might compliment Boomerang, which only goes till age 18.

We are very excited to announce we have partnered with the school and with funding from SPF will be bringing the Olweus Bullying prevention program into the schools at the start of next school year.

Great news! The Life of an Athlete Policy that we have been working on as a committee at RHS was passed and will be in the school handbook for next year. This is a great

accomplishment for our students and our district. It is a comprehensive policy that works to protect our student athletes and provide services for those that might need it. It also gives students a tool to get out of a peer pressure situation where alcohol or drugs might be present.

RCFY and the Raymond Police Department (RPD) have teamed up to promote the Keys Program. This program allows parents to notify the police department that they will be going away and if the police suspect a party might be taking place they are allowed to enter and the parents will not be held accountable. This program is very successful in Dover NH and it one more tool that we are giving the parents and students of Raymond to safeguard themselves.

Boomerang is still being offered by RCFY and promoted by RPD. We recently made various handouts to promote the program and hopefully get services to those that need it.

Announcements:

The ASAP celebration will be on June 15 if anyone is interested in joining us for lunch to honor our leaders of change.

The RCFY BOD currently has two positions open if anyone is interested. Please contact our office



Raymond Coalition for Youth empowers the community to promote positive youth development and strengthen community assets by coordinating services and opportunities through prevention initiatives, including suicide, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

Please join us next month on July 8, 2010

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