

RCFY meeting Minutes
July 8, 2010, 9 – 10:30 am, Lamprey Health Care

Present :

Business Community	Stephen Sloan Pam Turcotte	Rotary/ Foster Parent
Religious/ Fraternal	Ali Bousquin Donna Hausmann	Bethany Church St. Josephs
School	Mike Chouinard	
Civic/ Volunteer Parent	Holly Brunelli Celeste Clark Cathy Willard Juliet Freeman	LR Elementary School
Health Care	Carrie Chooljian	Lamprey Health Care
State/local tribal GOV.	Mike Kappler	State Representative
Other org - reducing use	Olivia Nold	Sexual Assault Support Serv
	Kim Coronis	Breathe NH
Youth Serving org	Rick Alleva Mary Taber	UNH Cooperative Ex Epping/Newmarket Coalition
Media		

Thank you to Hannaford for breakfast

Thank you all for coming. Introductions and updates:

Kim Coronis of Breathe NH returned with information on the E cigarette (Electronic Cigarette) These are sold at kiosks in the mall, usually in front of 'teen popular' stores and online. They are a nicotine based product that is commonly referred to as 'vaping' due to the products vaporizing delivery system. It is smokeless but appears to be a genuine cigarette that actually lights up on the end when inhaled.

It is marketed to be less harmful than smoking a real cigarette to the smoker and those around him, as well as being environmentally friendly, but it is currently not regulated in the USA. It comes in a variety of flavors and can be purchased as a complete gift set.

Due to its content of nicotine and how it is marketed to youth Breathe NH developed and pursued legislation to make it illegal to sell this product to youth under the age of 18 in NH. This will go into effect at the end of this month. Great job!

This presentation led to some conversation in regard to marijuana vaporizing and how some rationalize that this is a safe way to use marijuana without the ill effects of the carcinogens that are in it. Research shows that smoke one marijuana cigarette or joint has the level of tar and carcinogens as a whole pack of regular cigarettes. In addition the THC levels in marijuana produced today is 10 x's higher than that of the 1960's and 70's.

The Raymond Town Fair is this weekend! RCFY will have a booth with the focus of getting the RCFY name out to the community and raising awareness to our mission. We will be passing out balloons with RCFY info cards attached as well as our famous Pluck A Duck

pond and a speed pitch to try and raise some funds. We look forward to seeing familiar faces and having fun. If you are interested in volunteering please let us know.

Olweus bullying prevention program is coming to the Raymond school district. RCFY was able to secure funds from the NH State Strategic Prevention Framework grant to implement this program in the coming school year. NH just passed a very comprehensive bullying prevention law that requires all schools to have policies to address these issues. RCFY is proud to say that we have a great working relationship with the schools and Raymond is way ahead of the law requirements. Coordinating teams will be at each school level to work on this issue and will be getting right to work in September. Mary Duff will be trained in the model and be the trainer for Raymond along with technical support from the national Olweus center.

This led to discussion on the parent piece and training and awareness for parents. RCFY would like to offer parent evening and teach the Malcolm Smith model, materials have already been purchased to implement Bully Free NH. It will help parents discuss this very sensitive issue with their kids and answer questions such as: Why do kids tell or not tell? Should you tell the school? How will this be handled?

Sticker Shock video – RCFY has been working with other regional coalition youth groups to produce a video around this great campaign. It is very effective campaign that generates a lot of feedback from customers as it is being conducted. We wanted to capture those comments and distribute them via local access TV and presentations. The video will be premiered at our next meeting in August.

Touch A Truck – sponsored by the Raymond Rec department will be on September 25th. If you have a vehicle that you would like to bring to the event or one that would be great for young children to see or be in awe of please let the Rec – Tammy Reardon – 895 4735 x 118 or RCFY know.

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 gives parents a piece of mind that they will not be held accountable and it gives teens an added reason to stand up to peer pressure and say that a party can not take place at their home.

Boomerang our diversion program for youth experimenting with alcohol or marijuana 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. We recently met with Judge LeFrancois who will be helping to promote this program to surrounding towns as well. This effort is to support and educate our young people and parents in difficult transition years.

RCFY, Youth Action, Chief David Salois, Celeste Clark and the Raymond Police Department were honored with Citations from Governor Lynch on Wednesday the 7th for their continued efforts to reduce Underage Drinking in the state of NH and work collaboratively to raise awareness to the dangers associated with it.

Lamprey Health Care will once again be offering FREE cooking classes over a several week period. Please contact them or RCFY for more information

Mike Kappler commented on the continued success of the neighborhood watch program that he and Raymond Police have put together and implemented in his neighborhood. He has helped several other neighborhoods in town get started and is willing to help more. Please contact RCFY to learn more or have a meeting.

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 August 12, 2010

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