

Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am
Zoom meeting online - RSVP only



Present: 19

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| School | Janice Arsenault - Raymond School District / Board Jessica Caron - Raymond School District Tina McCoy - Raymond School District Briannah Straffin-Raymond School District |
| Health Care | Carrie Chooljian - Lamprey Health Care Kim Coronis - Breathe NH Kim Gordon- Beacon Health |
| Substance Misuse Prevention | Karen Morton-Clark, Recovery Friendly Workplace Peter Burke - St Joseph Hospital Jillian Ainsworth - Volunteer in Recovery |
| Youth-Serving | Chris Bishop- Traffic Safety at CHaD Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator Celeste Clark - RCFY Executive Director Pat Arsenault - LEAP Stephanie Wright - Seacoast Youth Services Sarah Fetras - Seacoast Youth Services Carrie Perez - DCYF Seacoast Supvr |
| Civic/Volunteer | Christina Warriner - New Futures |
| Law Enforcement | Nicole Jordan - JPPO |

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Our guest speakers were Stephanie Wright and Sarah Fetras from Seacoast Youth Services, a Non-Profit organization located in Seabrook, NH. The organization focuses on youth and family services that help with substance use and mental health treatment as well as education and general support to the youth in the Seacoast Area.

They spoke specifically about the OIOP (Odyssey Intensive Outpatient Program). This program focuses on adolescents 14-18 years of age with substance use and mental health disorders. This is a 10 week program, 4 days a week, 3 hrs a day after school. They reconnect youth with positive coping skills and treatments. Some of the treatments include art based therapy, outdoor activities and referral services to get them in hospitals, therapy services, and work directly with the juvenile justice services. This is a voluntary program but they do accept insurance and provides transportation when needed.

At this time they are contracted with Winnicunnet and Exeter High Schools who provide payment for their students to attend services. SYS does drug screening weekly and is contracted with a lab.

Nicole Jordan, JPPO, talked a little about the big issue of truancy. They work directly with SYS to get them help needed.

Youth Action: Youth Action meetings at the HS are again being held in person. Celeste has been attending the meeting in place of Christine who resigned from the Coalition in April. The MS is not happening at this time but Celeste is working to reinstate the in person meetings.

Gala: Our online auction for the Gala was completed and was a success. Not making as much as we would have if it was live but was a good experience and now we know how to navigate the process if we need to do it in the future.

2021 Disc Golf: The Disc Golf course is moving along. The groundwork has been completed and the baskets have been delivered. They will be looking for volunteers to get everything ready for a ribbon cutting in May or June.

The National RX Takeback event was held on April 24, 2012 at Hannafords. We again partnered with the Raymond Police Department. We collected a total of 334 lbs of medication that was sent to Concord for disposal by incineration.

Operation Raymond Clean Up No High School event this year due to Covid and timing. There will still be a Blue Bag program for any citizens wishing to participate in their neighborhood or area of town they want to clean.

New Futures Christina Warriner gave information on Senate and House Budgets. Health and Human Services asked for tobacco prevention \$ but it was not in the budget. They can provide a template to reach out to State Representatives.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month which includes a Substance Prevention Week. T-Shirts with the message "Reach Out, You Are Not Alone" will be distribute to all students and staff at all schools. Wellness bags will be prepared for every student in all the schools to be distributed during the Substance Prevention Week.

School is hoping to expand the Wellness Kits to include all students. A video presentation of Chris Herron was presented to both the Middle and High Schools.

A PSA for "What Wellness Means" is being prepared and should be ready for editing soon. Hope to present a Film Festival.

Kim Coronis talked about vaping and the concern that kids are vaping more due to anxiety. There is new synthetic nicotine on the market.

Our Prevention Summit is scheduled for October 22, 2021 which will be an in-person breakfast.

Out discount cards are available and be purchased at Town Hall or online through our website at this time. Cost is \$10 per card.

Meeting ended at 10:00AM

Thank you for joining us today, being an RCFY advocate, passing along the information learned today, and encouraging others to learn more and get involved.

June 10, July 8, No August Mtg,
September 9, October 14, November 11 and December 9

Mission Statement:

The Raymond Coalition For Youth empowers the community to promote positive youth development and reduce youth substance use and suicide risk.

Promoting Positive Healthy Choices for our Youth!

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