

**Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes**  
**April 8, 2021 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am**  
**Zoom meeting online - RSVP only**



**Present: 17**

<b>School</b>	Janice Arsenault - Raymond School District / Board Jessica Caron - Raymond School District Tina McCoy - Raymond School District Greg Pantazis - Raymond School District
<b>Health Care</b>	Carrie Chooljian - Lamprey Health Care Heather Sweet - Seacoast Mental Health
<b>Substance Misuse Prevention</b>	Karen Morton-Clark, Recovery Friendly Workplace Jeanne Venuti - Recovery Friendly Workplace
<b>Youth-Serving</b>	Chelsie Mostone - Traffic Safety at CHaD Christine Bostaph - RCFY / Parent Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator Celeste Clark - RCFY Executive Director May Delaney - RCFY Evaluator
<b>Civic/Volunteer</b>	Christina Warriner - New Futures
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	Chief Michael Labell, Raymond Police Dept Joshua Hartley - JPPO

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made

Celeste presented two flyers, the first being the Public Health Warning regarding the pills being manufactured to look like legitimate prescriptions such as Adderall, Xanax and Oxycontin. The pills contain methamphetamine and Fentanyl and could potentially be deadly to anyone taking them.

The second flyer is about the RX Takeback which will take place at Hannaford on April 24 from 10AM to 2PM.

May Delaney, the RCFY Evaluator is working with the Coalition to do a assessment project. This will include a 10 to 45 minute questionnaire either by phone, zoom or in person to community members. We hope to reach as many people as possible to find out what is happening in town and what do community members want from the Coalition. Any youth taking assessment will need signed parental permission.

Celeste asked the Zoom attendees to voice what they think about the Coalition and what do they think the Coalition offers. Some of the comments were:

- Brings youth services to community groups.
- Worked with youth groups throughout the Covid Pandemic
- Ability to plan services for students with partnership through the school
- Community is fortunate that RCFY provides diverse involvement, bringing together people in different roles.
- Information broker/supporting prevention work
- Connection to local businesses, ex: Family Friendly Workplace
- Partnering with other prevention agencies or community services such as Police and Rec Dept.
- Awareness to community about issues affecting youth and families, including core issues and legislation.

**Youth Action:** Christine some of the projects the YA groups at the Middle and High School are working on at this time. YA are placing drug and alcohol facts on social media. They are providing input into a grant funded Wellness Kit project that the Coalition is doing with the Seacoast Public Health Network. There was some discussion regarding the Film Festival but nothing tangible yet.

**Gala: 2021** The online auction that will take place between April 23 and May 8 of this year. Christine presented the page and how to enter the auction site.

**Disc Golf:** The Disc Golf course is moving along. The groundwork has been completed and the baskets have been delivered. The hope is to have a ribbon cutting in May or June.

**The National RX Takeback** event will be held on April 24, 2012 at Hannafords. We will again partner with the Raymond Police Department.

**Operation Raymond Clean Up** is approved for this year. We are looking for planning committee members. During the clean up Breathe NH will again be doing a Bag The Butts Collection.

**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. There is a need for student loan repayment funds for home healthcare workers and mobile health centers which will be ramping up. They can provide a template to reach out to State Representatives.

May is Mental Health Month which includes a Substance Prevention Week. It is also distracted Driving Awareness Month. Chris Bishop, Traffic Safety at CHAD, will be holding a Public Service Announcement Contest.

School is hoping to expand the Wellness Kits to include all students. They are hoping to get a video presentation of Chris Herron for the Middle and High Schools.

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.**

May 13, 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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