## Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes November 10, 2022 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement

## Present: 20



| School                               | Pat Arsenault, LEAP<br>Abigail Massey, IGHMS  |
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| Health Care                          | Kim Coronis - Breathe NH  |
| Treatment Services                   | Samantha Areson -Seacoast Pub Hlth Network<br>Karen Morton-Clark - Recovery Friendly Workplace  |
| Town/ Government                     | Kristen Buckman - Dudley Tucker Library<br>Tammy Reardon, Raymond Rec Dept<br><u>Michelle Weaver</u> - Raymond Rec Dept<br>Mike Kilrain - Raymond Fire Dept<br>Tim Cahill - State Representative<br>Warren Gibby- With Tim Cahill |
| Youth Serving                        | Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator<br>Celeste Clark - Exec Director, RCFY<br>Aimee Delaney - RCFY   |
| Law Enforcement                      | Jeff Trahant, Juv Probation & Parole<br>John Minichiello, Hancock PD  |
| Volunteer/Community Member           | Jim Tuttle, Resident<br>Marcia Garber - Resident  |
| Service Organizations<br>Faith Based | Jillian Dubois - New Futures<br>David Newton - Raymond Baptist Church   |

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Celeste introduced our speaker Dr Aimee Delaney (Mae). Mae has been the RCFY Evaluator for at least 15 years. She reported on the YRBS High School Data for the last 15 years and talked about trends for substances such as Alcohol, Tobacco and Marijuana. Due to Covid and student attendance there will be some anomalies.

She asked the audience if they could account for a spike in 2017 for alcohol and marijuana. There was some discussion about the State survey vs RCFY survey. Anyone wishing the results of the YRBS surveys for both the HS and MS please contact the RCFY office.

There was some discussion about what measures can be taken to increase the number of students that feel they matter. With the increase in mental health issues it is something that needs work but in the community and the school.

What do we do now? One thought was to celebrate the youth who are not using, and doing this together.

The librarian talked about the need to connect more teens with library resources and programs.

Due to Covid and the fact that we missed the YRBS on a 2 year cycle the survey will be administered in 2023.

It was mentioned that 12 of our YA students were attending a Youth Conference at the Austin 17 House and that was why there were no students in attendance today.

The Great American Smokeout will be celebrated next week at the High School.

Cold Winter Supplies Drive will take place soon with partnerships from Aggregate Industries and South New Hampshire Services.

There was a list of updates, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities:

Family Fun Night sometime in February Project Safeguard for 7th and 8th grades - location pending Funraising Gala on March 11, 2023 at Atkinson Country Club

## 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.

Next Meeting Dec 8, 2022 2023 Meetings January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11 **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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