

**Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2026 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am  
In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement**



**Present: 14 Members**

<b>School</b>	Natalie Medrano, SAU Alvin Caldwell, SAU Pat Arsenault, LEAP
<b>Youth Serving</b>	Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord Pam Turcotte, RCFY Finance Coord Celeste Clark, Executive Dir. RCFY Hannah Andersen, RCFY Intern Kelly Travers, RCFY Tricia Brannen, Youthwell NH
<b>Government/Municipal</b>	Brian O'Keefe, DEA Madison Johnson, NH Nat Guard
<b>Substance Prevention</b>	
<b>Service Organizations</b>	Kathy McCarthy, Raymond Rotary Sarah Cain, New Futures
<b>Volunteers/Community Members</b>	Mike Ohlemeier, Wal-Mart

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Our speaker today was Brian O'Keefe of the DEA. The DEA has a new LOGO (Protect, Prevent and Support). The DEA has joined forces with Discovery Education to provide no-cost online tools that support every member of the community with the power of prevention.

Tools can be found at [operationprevention.com](https://www.operationprevention.com). [DEA.gov\fentanylfree](https://www.dea.gov/fentanylfree)

There has been a 20-25% decrease in the number of Fentanyl injection overdoses. But an increase in inhalation deaths. Some of the numbers are impacted by the administration of NARCAN.

Some interesting facts:

- Lowell, MA has banned Kratom
- Lawrence, MA banned flavored vapes.

Some towns have accepted the Warrant Article that deals with non regulated intoxicating substances (Nitrous Oxide, Delta/THC, Kratom, poppers).

The state is seeing a resurgence of Cocaine. Meth is still a huge problem and there is an increase in use of Zine drugs. There is also an increase in Marijuana psychosis which will never decrease.

Sarah Cain then updated on bills. House hearings are now taking place at Granite Place. YRBS bill was withdrawn hoping for Governor's Veto.

Prevention moving into 2026:

- Parenting Series featuring Lynn Lyons in February and April. Energy Drinks in March with Tami Cole and Connect Suicide Prevention in May.
- Fundraising Gala on Mar 21, 2026 at Atkinson Country Club
- RX Drug Takeback on Apr 28, 2026 .
- Project Safeguard, May 15, 2026 at SNHU includes 7th graders from Raymond, Candia and possibly Chester.

**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 Meetings Mar 12, 2026 , Apr 9, 2026 and May 14, 2026

**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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