

Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am

Zoom meeting online - RSVP only



Present: 70

School

Jessica Caron - Raymond School District
Tina McCoy - Raymond School District
Brianna Straffin-Raymond School District
Pat Arsenault - Raymond Afterschool Director

Health Care

Substance Misuse Prevention

Carrie Chooljian - Lamprey Health Care
Lynn Towle- Horizon Counseling Center
Karen Morton-Clark - Recovery Friendly Workplace
Jeanne Venuti - Recovery Friendly Workplace
Chelsie Mostone - Traffic Safety at CHaD

Youth-Serving

Kim Gordon, Beacon Health
Christine Bostaph - RCFY / Parent
Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator
Celeste Clark - RCFY Executive Director
Kim Coronis - Breathe NH
Dana Mitchell -Dover Youth to Youth
Vicki Harris - Dover Youth to Youth
Janet Valuk - Greater Nashua Coalition
Kameo Chasse - United Way, Nashua
Maria Reyes, Seacoast Public Health Network
Lindsay Messina - Seacoast Public Health Network
Stephen Sloan

Community Member

Law Enforcement

Chief Michael Labell, Raymond Police Dept
Lt. Chad Shevlin, Raymond Police Dept
TJ Such - Cheshire County
Jon Delena, NH DEA
Nicole Jordan JPPO

Municipal

Deb Intonti - Town of Raymond, NH
Gretchen Gott - Town of Raymond, NH
Richard Langlois - Town of Candia, NH
Janet Stevens - NH Executive Council

Additional Guests: Macy Muller, Nicole Mitchell, Aaron Goodro, Lisa Spurrell, Renee DePalo, Ondrea Gowern, Melena Lugo, Kandyce Turner, Gail Brown, Martha Bradley, Daniel Andrus, Rebecca Throop, Patty Driscoll, Robin Schell, Elise Gutierrez, Shawn Blakey, Morgan Taggart, Breanna Brann, Alison Welch, Ellen Wicklum, Jacqui Baker, Thisvi McCormick, Andrea Smith, Denise LaFrance, Sally Cederberg, Shannon Rondeau, Ann Marie Hafeman, Tara Graham, Peter Sebert, Donna Marston, Christian Seasholtz, Gail Brown, Sarah Johnson, Diane Fontneau, Emily Shanahan, Elizabeth Brochu, Mary Drew, Narayani Nayviv, Vaness Nadeau, Tara Graham and.

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made

Celeste Clark, RCFY Director, shared data regarding how RCFY started in regards to substance misuse concerns in Raymond back in 2000. Over the years working together we have made great progress reducing these rates. After checking the data regarding Methamphetamines, Cocaine and Prescription Drug misuse it is clear we need to start paying attention to these drugs. They are on the increase according to our latest data from the NSDUH (National Survey of Drug Use and Health) and Youth Risk Behavior Survey results.

Presenter: Jon Delena of the New England DEA office. Jon talked about the fact that Meth is in our State and something we should be "gravely concerned about." "It is already in the state and already affecting our youth."

This product, made to mimic legitimate prescriptions (Xanax, Adderall, etc.) is made up of meth and Fentanyl and is deadly to anyone who uses it. It comes directly from Mexico and is 99 - 100% pure. Unlike heroin which entered our state through MA there is a direct link from Mexico to NH. It is easier and cheaper to get this in NH than in MA, like heroin was. Easy of access has to be a target.

There is a great concern for the safety of our first responders because meth use is associated with violence.

Our Goal: We need to make parents, students, and our community aware of the issue to help keep everyone safe. Watch your children's social media. Talk about it so they are aware and hopefully will pass on the information to friends and other adults. Communication and dialogue is key to raising awareness.

Jon's entire presentation can be viewed on [our #RCFY YouTube page](#).

Resources to help with this: On March 5 there is a free training sponsored by BMCOBAT.org entitled Principles of Methamphetamine Use Disorder. The link to register is <https://www.bmcobat.org/training/register/event/?category=&start=507&id=568&pkIDed=557>

The 360 Program is still ongoing but the name has been changed to "Operation Engage" and will open up to other drugs and issues. Brian O'Keefe is a new hire employed in the new lab being built and part of this program.

RX Take Back is scheduled for April 24. The RCFY will be partnering with Raymond Police to once again take part in this with a location to be determined.

Youth Action:

Christine presented **Warrant Articles #36 & # 37** which will be on our Raymond NH ballot in March - these are policy changes - prevention efforts to protect our youth and community.

- Warrant Article 36 - Citizen Petition: To restrict any commercial signs promoting cannabis, or marijuana, drug-related paraphernalia or products.
- Warrant Article 37 – Citizen Petition to restrict the commercialization of marijuana and marijuana-based products.

Baby Supply Drive to New Life Church Food Pantry was a success and may be done again to help benefit the fire victims of February Sunview Apartment Fire.

The Filmfest may be possibility and the student YA members at both the Middle and High Schools are thinking about topics.

Other: The Student Assistance Person at the High School is working on (No Name Campaign). A anti-bullying program.

The Gala has been cancelled for this year at the Atkinson Country Club but the Gala Committee is working on a Spring Online Auction, April 23 - to May 8th.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021 via Zoom.

Meeting ended at 10:30 AM

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.

March 11, April 8, 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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