**RCFY Community Meeting**

**October 8, 2020 via Zoom**

Meeting open at 9:00 am

Attendance: 19

School - Tina McCoy

 Jess Caron

 Brianah Straffin - SAP IHGMS

Municipal Deb Intonti

Youth Serving      Patrick Arsenault

Kaytlynn Jacobs-Brett – New Futures

  Prevention -        Chelsie Mostone - Dartmouth Driving Safety

 Chris Bishop – Dartmouth Driving

Bob Faghan – Live Free Recovery

Peter Burke

Kim Coronis - Breathe NH

Health Care        Kim Gordon

Carrie Chooljian

Jodie Lubarsky – Seacoast Mental Health

Community Members – Stephen Sloan

Julie Day

Celeste Clark, Christine Bostaph, Pamela Turcotte

Celeste opened the meeting at 9 AM and introduced the first speaker, Bob Faghan. Bob talked about his program focused on youth (18+). Alternative Youth Peer Group is a peer based and family based recovery group support system. This service is provided by a young person (18+), supervised by a Licensed Clinician, who is trained to strategically use their own lived experiences to inspire other young people to take action towards creating better outcomes for their future.

The second speaker today was Jodie Lubarsky from Seacoast Mental Health. She review the program explaining where the catchment areas were, what services are offered and how the center is operating in this time of Covid restrictions. The program is still operating in 27 schools and 9 towns but emergency services are available 24/7 even if you are not part of the catchment area.

SMH is working with the Raymond Schools to create a Parenting Series of Q&A. They understand the need that arises when the home dynamics are so different with students and parents doing school work and jobs from home.

October is Prevention Month with an emphasis on Red Ribbon Week from 10/19 to 10/23. The schools are working with the students to create theme days during this week. In partnership with the Coalition the schools are distributing RRW teeshirts to all students and staff. In order to bring this outside the schools and into the community the Coalition will have shirts, sweatshirts and facemasks available for sale with the prevention message.

Red Ribbon Week with be finalized with the bi-annual DEA National Rx Takeback Day which will be held on October 24 from 10am to 2pm at Walgreens in Raymond.

Christine talked about the difficulty of getting together with the Youth Action Groups due to the fact they are all tired of remote use by the end of the school day. She is working on a time that will work for everyone. The students are still engaged and talked about getting the local businesses involved in promoting RRW.

A few YA students traveled to Concord on Thursday, October 1st to meeting with Director James Carroll, Office of National Drug Control Policy and NE DEA Agent Jon Delena to present their concerns and what they are seeing in their school and neighborhoods. We are very proud of the job the students have done.

Tina McCoy, School Superintendent, is looking for positive stories that are not related to Covid 19. She would like to publish them in the school newletter.

Celeste finished the meeting with a report on the Disc Golf Course that is moving along and what great progress has been made so far.

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2020 and 9am. This meeting will be remote.

Meeting Ended at 10:10.