

Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes
November 12th, 2020 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am
Zoom meeting online - RSVP only



Present: 24

School

Patrick Arsenault - Raymond School District / RCFY
Janice Arsenault - Raymond School District / Board
Jessica Caron - Raymond School District
Tina McCoy - Raymond School District
Brianna Straffin-Raymond School District
Greg Pantazis - Raymond School District

Health Care

Carrie Chooljian - Lamprey Health Care
Kim Gordon - Beacon Health Options
Chelsie Mostone - Traffic Safety at CHaD
Christopher Bishop - Traffic Safety at CHaD
Gail Gettens, Healthy Homes Program, Lead Paint Prev.
Wendy McGonigal - Lamprey Health Care

Substance Misuse Prevention

Christine Bostaph - RCFY / Parent
Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator
Celeste Clark - RCFY Executive Director
Kim Coronis - Breathe NH
Maria Reyes - Seacoast Public Health Network
Katlynn Jacobs-Brett, New Futures
Julia Meuse, Prog Coord, Seacoast Public Hlth Ntwk
Heather Sweet, Seacoast Mental Health
Brianna Ferraro, Prog Coord, Southern NH AHEC
Tammy Reardon - Raymond Recreation
Julie Day - Waypoint

Parent

Youth-Serving

Civic/Volunteer

Community Members

Youth member

Local/State Gov.

Law Enforcement

Business

Media

Faith-Based

Peter Clark, Sen Shaheen's Office

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Presenter:

Gail Gettens presented information on the Lead Paint Healthy Homes Program and why lead is such a concern for people, especially the young in our state. In the last 5 years there have been 3,234 cases of children with elevated blood lead levels greater than 5 ug/dl which means that child has parts of the brain that have been damaged with no possibility of treatment for those affected areas. That is approximately 640 cases a year, but fewer than 26% of children are even tested.

Children under 6 years of age have no blood brain barriers and most affected. The fact that our area of the country has a high percentage of older homes that are more likely to have lead paint especially on old porches, windows or siding increases the risk of poisoning.

She talked about the possibility of the schools adding a section to the immunization record that states whether the child has been tested for lead and what are the results.

She suggested that we take a look at the "YouTube" video titled "MisLead, America's Secret Epidemic". And Dutch Boy Paint "Failed Toy".

Announcements:

- **Chelsea and Chris, Teen Driver Program Coordinators, Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock** - Will be holding a 4 part driving series starting in December. www.nhteendrivers.com The **Teen Driver Session** will be on **Wednesday December 2nd, 2020** from 1-2:30pm [Click Here to register](#)

RCFY Updates:

The Red Ribbon Week was a great success. All Schools participated and t-shirts with the Live Drug Free message was distributed to all students and staff. The students also participated in sending a message everyday that week by wearing red, pajama day, twin day, etc.

RX Take Back: On October 24 the RX Take Back was held at Walgreens parking lot. Between what was collected on that day and what has been collected from the permanent box at the police station Raymond was able to send 317lb to Concord to be destroyed.

Youth Action: Meeting via zoom for both the High School and the Middle School. Had a successful Red Ribbon Week and we are planning awareness on Social Media for the Great American Smokeout happening on November 19th. Youth Action students also assisted with gathering signatures for two warrant articles we are planning to put before the town. The first being to restrict commercial signage of the marijuana plant or its likeness and the second is to oppose the establishment of a marijuana type business in Raymond.

Mailing - Our Annual Drive campaign will be going out in the mail before the end of the month. We have included the Towns of Candia, Chester and Deerfield in the mailing.

Gala: 2020 Gala has been cancelled. Please join us at our 2021 March 6th Gala.

Disc Golf: The Disc Golf course is moving along. The ground work has been completed and the baskets have been ordered.

Meeting ended at 10:21 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.

2020 meetings:

December 10

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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