

Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am
In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement



Present: 18 Members

School	Abbi Cosgriff, IHGMS Nataly Medrano, RHS Pat Arsenault, LEAP Sam Horigam, RSD Alvin Caldwell, RSD Jesse Santosuosso, Raymond Head Start
Youth Serving	Celeste Clark - Exec Director, RCFY Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord Pam Turcotte, RCFY Finance Coord
Government/Municipal	Dave Mara, Governor's Office Kristan Buckman, Dudley Tucker Library Sarah Cain, New Futures
Substance Prevention	Maura McGowan, NH Teen Institute Samantha Thamson, SPHN
Medical	Ashley Stratton, Amerihealth Caritas
Law Enforcement	Mike Labell, RPD
Service Organizations	Kathy McCarthy, Raymond Area Rotary
Volunteers	Dennis Garnham

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Sarah Cain from New Futures. Sarah talked about bills now being proposed and how you can advocate for them. Some of the things being discussed is the 5% for the Alcohol Fund and the discussion around the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

Maura McGowan from NH Teen Institute talked about the Summer Leadership Program, a one week long retreat for Teens. The program is fully scholarships for Raymond.

Kristen Buckman from the Town Library talked about her programs being offered for April, especially "Dads for Donuts". All programs can be found on the town website.

Dennis Garnham talked about a UNH program called "Walk With Ease" for people with walking issues.

Celeste then introduced Sam Horrigan and Abbi Cosgriff from the School District who gave an overview and circle discussion on "Restorative Practices". This is a dialogue used to repair relationships between wrongdoers and victims.

Traditional approach vs restorative approach:

Three Tiers:

- T1 Building community developing social and emotional capacity
- T2 Managing difficulties
- T3 Repairing serious harm

Creating a culture of care.

Sam Horrigan also talked about the program "Foster your Flock: Creating and Maintaining Calm Brans for You and Your Children" This will be held on May 6, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM at the Middle School.

Information was also presented on The KcKinney-Vento Act which deals with homelessness. Reach out to Sam as the homeless liaison for information.

Pam Baker then updated Youth Action and what they are working on right now. Middleschool presented "Take Down Tobacco, I choose to be Vape Free"

June 2 is the Granite Youth Alliance Film Festival. Both the Middle and High School YA groups have entrees.

Other Updates:

- Operation Raymond Cleanup and Wellness Day on May 7 at the High School
- Project Safeguard on May 16. Will be partnering with Candia, NH for the first time.
- RX takeback on April 26 in both Raymond and Candia.
- Summer Fun Series, internship opportunities
- Discount Cards available for \$10

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: **May 8, Jun 12, 2025(No July Meeting)**

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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