

**Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes
September 11. 2025 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am
In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement**



Present: 18 Members

School	Audrey Bourn, Raymond SD Sam Horrigan, Raymond SD Abbi Cosgriff, IHGMS Pat Arsenault, LEAP
Youth Serving	Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord Pam Turcotte, RCFY Finance Coord Celeste Clark, Executive Dir. RCFY Ethan Cassell, Austin 17 House
Government/Municipal	Kristen Buckman, Dudley Tucker Library
Substance Prevention	Samantha Thamsen, Seacoast Public Hlt Network Tricia Brannen, Youthwell NH Ashley Stratten, Amerihealth
Service Organizations	Kathy McCarthy, Rotary and RCFY BOD Mike Ohlemeier, Walmart Sarah Cain, New Futures
Volunteers	Jim Tuttle Dennis Garnham Melissa Lombard

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

It was announced that the program "Talk, They Hear You" will be held at the Portsmouth Library on October 6, 2025 from 5 to 7 PM. Sponsored by Seacoast Public Health Network.

Celeste made this a working meeting today. The attendees were broken into groups and asked to write their thoughts on the following topics:

- Teen substance misuse in the news
- Who needs to be part of the discussion
- What does prevention look like to address this
- Messaging and Outreach

She then gave an update on Xylazine that was part of last month's meeting. Senator Gannon will be proposing legislation to get this drug scheduled. He will be working with Kaylee McGlynn to present it in the near future.

Other Updates:

- October is substance misuse prevention month.
- Save the Date! Prevention Summit, Oct 24, 2025
- Discount Cards available for \$10
- Fall Family Festival (Touch A Truck) Oct 18, 2025 at LRES
- Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated on every Wednesday throughout the month of Oct.
- DEA Medication Take Back on 10/25 at both Raymond Walgreens and Candia First Stop
- St. Anselm's event on Sep 19, 2025

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: **October 9, November 13**

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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