

NLCCC Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2017

The NLCCC January meeting was called to order at 11:35am.

Weather: Cloudy 41 Degrees

In attendance (14 ppl): Priscilla Melecio, NLCCC; Susan Larouche, NLCCC; Sophia Thielman, Connecticut College Student; Jamie Irwin, NLPS/BDJMS; Kerensa Mansfield, Ledyard Prevention Coalition; Pastor Johnny Burns, New Life Church; Steven Fields, New London Mayor's Office; Chris Cardoni, ShopRite Pharmacy; Keishla Mota-Santos, City of New London; Archie Swindell, Quantitative Services; Ellen Kleckner, NLYA; Kevin Booker, BDJMS; Marco Fabreth, BDJMS, Tommie Majors, New London Recreation

Welcomes and Introductions:

Members were welcome and thanked for attending the meeting.

I. Reviews/Updates:

- Interviews for the Program Assistant Position will be taking place on Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Martin Center.
- Compliance checks will be conducted this month. Time constraints and coordinating with youth during the holiday season was a barrier. Presently, the checks will take place in package stores only.
- The youth survey results were mentioned again with emphasis on the areas of improvement and the need for more awareness in opioid use among youth in New London, which increased in the last two years. Archie Swindell is currently working on the community survey results and will aim to have them prepared for the February meeting.
- SADD will be starting on January 24th at NLHS and include students from NLHS and STEM. SADD will start on January 20th at BDJMS as well. Some first goals of the high school level include creating a "Did you know...?" PSA to be broadcasted on Jammin' 1077 by teens to send positive messaging to their peers about drug use.

II. Strategic Framework process SPF

Assessment

- Safe Rides Proposal (Sophia Thielman, Connecticut College): Sophia proposed the idea of starting a Safe Rides program in New London for high school and college youth as a safe alternative to get home at night. Sophia has reached out to multiple sources for funding and has come across various barriers, especially Connecticut College, where she is currently suspended due to a DUI incident. Her proposal stems from her motivation to turn a negative experience into raising awareness about this issue.
 - Ultimately, Sophia would like to access Connecticut College for funding but is unable to communicate with anyone on campus due to her current suspension. She has advocated for herself to return early in order to further her proposal but is seeking alternative funding in the meantime.
 - Concerns were discussed including the liability factor for the driver, background checks, alternative fundraising options etc.

- MADD (Joanna Kerbs) responded via email regarding MADD's support for the program idea however does not condone underage drinking.
 - Steven Fields discussed the need for an alcohol education component as a "must" for this program to be implemented as well in order to deter the image of enabling underage or irresponsible drinking among youth.
 - The Coalition suggested to Sophia that her next steps include providing more detailed information regarding liability, insurance, drivers, background checks, etc. She was also encouraged to contact CT Senator Blumenthal again to discuss his support and ideas for future implementation.
- Bullying/Parks & Recreation (Tommie Majors, New London Recreation): Reported about a bullying incident at a recent Parks & Rec sporting event where a mother was yelling and threatening a young teen who allegedly is bullying her younger child. He asked for suggestions on how to handle situations such as this and any service referrals that could be implemented.
 - Creation of a "Coaches Guide" or something similar was discussed in an effort to outline parent expectations at events as well as appropriate interventions, parent education, and restorative justice tips.
 - National statistics on bullying were passed around and discussed as an area to be addressed within the coalition and its prevention efforts.

III. Capacity

- Committees were identified and members were assigned to various committees based on their talents, job descriptions, and position within the coalition. No negative feedback was received but committees are open for adjustment if desired.

IV. Planning/Implementation

- DFC Community Policy Change
 - PowerPoint slides "How to Collaboratively Implement with Law Enforcement: Seven Strategies for Community Change" were discussed as a way to educate parents on various issues such as bullying. The steps of community change were also discussed.

V. Coalition Sharing

- Chris Cardoni, ShopRite Pharmacist: Shared the new drug disposal packets that are available at all pharmacies. These are currently being distributed to people with an opioid prescription that is not monthly, but for those who may not use the entire dose in an effort to promote proper disposal.
- Pastor Johnny Burns, New Life Church: Shared that there has just been a new outreach program created to serve adults and youth. Collaboration with NL Youth (SADD) was discussed and how they could partner in an effort to combat drug use.
- Kevin Booker, BDJMS: Shared many upcoming community events including the following:
 - January 24th 6-8pm "How to talk to your kids about Drugs" at Ocean Community YMCA in Mystic, CT

- January 24th 530-8pm “Parents on a Budget” in the Martin Center/ February 15th 530-8pm in the City Hall
- January 30th 6-730pm Community Social at BDJMS, childcare and dinner for parents will be provided
- March 22nd and March 29th “Peoples Law School” with Judge Schober
- Every Wednesday 5-7pm Community Dinner at BDJMS, \$5 per person, open to the anyone in the community
- January 25th 5-7pm Parent Leadership Advocacy Group
- Upcoming marches regarding the presidential election are on January 21st in Hartford and Providence, January 20th in D.C., and the Women’s March on January 21st in Hartford, CT.
- Kerensa Mansfield, Ledyard Prevention Coalition: Shared her desire to partner with NLCCC in regards to hosting an off-premise T.I.P.S. training.
- Jamie Irwin, NLPS/BDJMS: Shared her concern about the coalition’s approach to marijuana very likely becoming legalized in CT in the near future. She would like to further discuss how to handle this situation in order to stay aligned with the coalition’s goals and efforts once this becomes relevant to CT.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00pm.