

NLCCC Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2017

The NLCCC May meeting was called to order at 11:30am.

Weather: Partly Sunny 65 Degrees

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In attendance (7 ppl): Priscilla Melecio, NLCCC; Keishla Mota-Santos, City of New London; Neighborhood Coordinator; Rob Veal, Miranda Creative; Chris Sconiers, Anthony Abalio; Teen Challenge; Chris Cardoni, Shop Rite; Ellen Kleckner, NLYA;

I. Welcomes and Introductions:

Members were welcome and thanked for attending the meeting.

II. Reviews/Updates:

- Media committee projects are underway; members voted on two prints one for the billboard, and one to be used on display for the SEAT Bus ads. Rob would like to modify the graphic and will present to coalition once they are available. Also, graphic to be used for the water bottles to be distributed to summer camps and summer school will be edited to include an identifiable land mark of New London. Rob will email once it is completed. I will forward to media committee.
- Drug take back is scheduled for May 20th at Shop Rite and will be held from 10am -2pm. Teen Challenge will be present to distribute brochures and assist with the distribution of prescription lock boxes, which will handed to anyone who disposes of unused prescription drugs. Anyone requesting a lock box will receive one even if they don't have prescription drugs to dispose.
- New London High School SADD students worked with Dan Price to present a "Do You Know" PSA which is currently running on the air on Jammin 107.7. The "Do You Know" PSA is statistic about the dangers of marijuana that is read on the air by youth. The ad was aired for all coalition members to hear. PSA received positive response. The PSA will be running for the remainder of the month.
- T.I.P.S. (Training Intervention Procedures) is scheduled for May 24th at 4:30 to 8:30 pm. The training will be held at OIC conference room and is open to 20 participants. Currently 22 participants have signed up for training.
- Leads & Seeds prevention leadership program is underway and is scheduled for June 19 & 20. There will be eighteen youth and six adults trained.
- Susan Larouche is no longer with NLCCC and has taken employment elsewhere. Also, Ms. Wileen Pun's last day will be June 2nd. Given these circumstances, we are currently interviewing for one Prevention Assistant and a Youth Leader, please pass along.

III. Strategic Framework process SPF

Planning

- Priscilla handed out coalition involvement form to members to prepare for upcoming academic year. (**See Attached**). Members will submit form at the next coalition meeting.

This will help the program coordinator identify the strengths of each of the members to maximize coalition member's full potential.

- Coalition members were presented with a logic model for marijuana. The logic model was reviewed and explained to coalition members, the problem, root causes as well as the local conditions were identified. Coalition members were informed that a logic model will need to be completed for prescription drugs as well. A focus group was scheduled on May 9th with 24 teens ranging from 14 to 17 years old. According to the results of the focus group youth did not feel there is a problem with prescription drugs. They identified the biggest problem youth a currently facing is with marijuana. However, according to the data received from 2017 youth data, prescription drug use surpassed marijuana. It was determined by the coalition that additional focus groups need to be conducted to receive a more accurate picture.
- Ellen Kleckner gave an update on the NLCCC bylaws. She stated that she submitted the bylaws to executive committee, however to date no one has responded with any updates. After reviewing the bylaws, it was determined they will remain unchanged.
- Coalition members were once again informed of the DFC site visit. The date and time were provided and they were asked to consider participating on June 22, 2017. A luncheon would be provided as they meet with the DFC Coordinator. Several members agreed to participate.

IV. Evaluation

- Coalition Survey was handed out and members were asked to please take a moment and fill out the survey. Some of the members submitted their survey, while others said they would return at the next meeting.
- Coalition members were informed that a new evaluator, Christine Miskell, SERAC compiled the survey and may be doing future work for the coalition as the evaluator.

V. Coalition Sharing

- Chris Sconiers shared their latest End Addiction "Teen Challenge Awareness" at Norwalk High School where they presented to 250 students for two days. They also mentioned they would be present on Saturday May 20th to assist with the Drug Take Back
- Chris Cardoni also mentioned the advertisement for the Drug Take Back and how flyers were posted throughout Shop Rite and the New London Plaza. The event has also been circulated on the radio at the Jammin 107.7 radio

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30pm.