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River Valley Rising Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2015

Location: Rumford Town Hall- Conference Room

Time: 11am

Attendance: Brenna Parent (MVMS), Barb Radmore (Western Foothills Kids Association), Stacy Carter (Rumford PD), Denise Cross (Department of Corrections), Roy Hodsdon (Mexico PD), Sandy Witas (RVHCC), Allie Burke (RVHCC), Patty Duguay (RVHCC).

2 Groups to focus on Community Survey & Parent Phone Survey

Community Survey:

Group went over the questions. We updated and revised a couple of the questions. Group feels like it is ready to go out and we will present the survey at the Western Maine Addiction Task Force Forum on Wed. October 21st.

Parent Phone Survey

RVR has done two phone surveys. One in 2014 and one in 2015. The survey is a 20+ questionnaire that is done with a company that reaches out to # of parents in the River Valley area. The company ask questions from a list that was assigned ahead of time. Most of these questions were put together in 2014 during the mentee grant. With the two years of data, Kelsey spend some time comparing the data and choosing about 10 questions that seem to be a significant to look at. The group shared their thoughts on some of the questions. They would like to review the questions before doing the survey again in 2017.

Fact Stickers

Group looked at several different messages from the Marijuana Workgroup out of Augusta. They did like the 4 messages they Opportunity Alliance put together. We will work on these next month and decide where will put them out.

Pumpkin Fest

RVR had a table at Pumpkin Fest. The event had a great turnout and many people stopped by our table to pick up a treat and some goodies. RVR would need to decide if this is the right venue us for next year.

Community Forum

Tonight is the Western Maine Addiction Task Force at MVMS at 6pm. RVR will have a table and will be putting out the community survey.

The Other Side of Cannabis: Negative Effect of Marijuana on our Youth

We watched a tidbit of this documentary that is roughly 72 minutes long. We talked about what would be a good follow up to Karen Williams. This is one option and Barb Radmore talked about the ACE



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documentary and thinks that could be another option as well. We have a multi-use license to show this documentary to the public.

Next Meeting

November 16th at 11am, Location TBD.