

RVR Coalition Meeting

8/15/17 11:30-1:00

In attendance: Allie Burke, Ellen Thorne, Patty Duguay, Sabrina LoPizzo, Katherine Lemieux, Denise Cross

RVR updates:

-RBS training was switched to on-premise, we will have 9 participants.

- -Will be hosting another this fall before winter season restaurants open up.

-Kat and Sabrina are here from HCC in Farmington; they work on the youth engagement grant and have funding to serve Northern Oxford County. They have established a youth policy council at MVMS they were working with through the summer and will be picking up again this fall.

-CCT Survey: Some people reported that they felt we are not working together on a shared goal

- -Allie Feels this is because we cannot get enough people at the table, perhaps changing the time of these meetings would help.
- -Sabrina shared that early morning works well in Farmington and have the dates planned out months in advance.
- -Denise suggested sending out a doodle poll/survey monkey about a new time, and suggested holding meeting at the school again and perhaps rotating the school where it will be held.

-Allie made a new connection with the ER manager at Rumford Hospital who will be joining us at RVR. They recently conducted a survey of hospital staff that found employees felt that they are not involved with the community enough – hopefully they can do that with us.

-Allie would like to form a smaller steering committee. When we can get people together at the table this fall we will come together and vote on the direction that we will steer.

- Allie will put out a survey to get input about time/location.

Survey Responses showed:

Respondents were overall satisfied with the work RVR is doing in the community. There were some areas that RVR could improve in such as media/social media use to promote RVR. We are hoping to do:

- We are now planning to work with local TV/radio stations to create PSA's
- We will reach out to schools to see if we can get messages on their TVs

Respondents also believe that we haven't done enough on underage drinking/marijuana use/underage drinking policies. IN response to this RVR has been working with the towns to adopt ordinances are Marijuana. More works does need to be done around underage drinking.

Budget spend down

-We have booked a free ski night on March 1st at Black Mountain, tubing, skiing, snowboarding will be available (the bar will not be open)

-Travis Mills will be coming to MVHS on Oct. 26 doing a presentation for the middle and high school students. (Have reached out to RSU 56 to see if they are interested in joining as well.)

- This is taking place during Red Ribbon week. Last year MVMS did a whole week around this and we're hoping other schools will this year.

-We will be working with local law enforcement to be doing compliance checks.

RVR Position on Marijuana + Alcohol

We would like to officially establish a coalition-wide position on Marijuana and alcohol, so that as an organization we can be on the same page, and all use the same messaging consistently. Today we worked on our marijuana position, and plan to continue to work on this at these meetings to accomplish this official RVR position.

Other updates:

-Western Maine Addiction Task Force

- -works with law enforcement to connect people with help/recovery coaches
- -Hosting recovery rally in Norway. Date is September 10th (see flyer attached)

-Oxford County Wellness collaborative is training staff with the, trauma informed training from ACE's.

Next RVR meeting dates: September 12th at 8am at MVHS