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River Valley Rising Meeting

September 10th, 2019 8am-9am
49 Congress St., Rumford, ME

Introduction – Stephanie LeBlanc, Brendan S, Kathie Williams, Barbara Arsenault, Pam Doyen, Melissa Harding, Allie Burke, Peter Cox, Kat L., Sabrina,

I. RVR Updates

- **Children’s Safety- Lock It Up (Nov. 14 or Nov 19)**
 - Lock it up event will be on Nov. 19th at MVMS. We are partnering with local police department, Rumford Hospital, BE SMART (gun safety), and Med-Care.
- **Approved to carry over funds (project)**
 - We just got the ERA notice of approval to carry left over funds from DFC grant 1-5. Roughly \$30,000. These funds will be used for the Lock Up It event.
- **Funding update**
 - We are still waiting to hear if we have been awarded another round of DFC funding. We should know soon, but hearing rumors that notices of awards won’t go out till October.
- **Progress Report**
 - We just submitted our August reporting for the DFC grant. We report 2 times a year.
- **Coalition Survey Update**
 - Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey. This is a requirement for the DFC grant. I will share results in a separate email.
- **Pumpkin Fest- Oct 19th**
- **BMOM Ski Night**
 - Looking to partner with the Rumford Hospital to help keep the cost down. \$1500 to host the free ski night.
- **Stall Talk**
 - **September Stall Talk-** Back to school tips
- **PCC Group at DMS**
 - We hope to be back at Dirgio Middle School for the Positive Cougar Club. Everything will depend on DFC grant.

II. Community Update(s)

- **Western Maine Addiction Task Force & Project Save ME Updates-** Recovery Rally will be happening again in Norway. September 21st.

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- **Law Enforcement**
- **Western Foothills Kids Association** – A lot of work to pull everything together for the fall. We will have programming at both elementary schools. No tentative start date yet but we will let everyone know soon.
- **Oxford County Wellness Collaborative** – Planning for the fall gathering to happen in October or November.
- **UNE & Healthy Communities Coalition Preventive Services**
- **OCMHS**- Update on the Me-HAF grant

Future Meeting Dates: Location to be determined
October 15th

Thank you for continued support and commitment to RVR!

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