

## **River Valley Drug Free Youth Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** October 27, 2014

**Location:** Rumford Public Library

**Time:** 11am

**Attendance:** Stacy Carter, Denise Cross, Jerry Cohen, Roy Hodson, Chris Decker, Barb Radmore, Patty Duguay, Katie Sloma, Robin Hetzler, Jo Morrissey, Michael Webber, Jen Whitemore, Brenna Parent, Jennifer Flynn, Sandy Witas, Allie Burke, Kelsey Arsenault

### **Welcome, Introductions**

Patty Duguay introduced new RVHCC Staff Allie Burke (Program Manager), and Kelsey Arsenault (Project Coordinator), and then introductions went around the table.

### **Bylaws**

Jo Morrissey introduced the importance of bylaws which is to determine how we, as a coalition, make decisions and operate. A draft of the bylaws was passed around to look at and will be sent out electronically, please make your suggestions. How should we build the structure of our steering committee? Please take a look and think about what would work best for us. Meeting 12 times a year is maybe too much? We need to lay out the commitment of our steering committee. Next meeting we will vote on accepting these bylaws or further exploring them.

Jerry Cohen sits on the board of directors for the hospital and is also on the Rotary and said they use as quorum, a simple majority and it works well for them. For the Rotary, when important decisions need to be made, they have a provision for an electronic vote via email.

### **Brochures**

A copy of the brochure was sent around and will be sent out electronically for suggestions. Allie and Kelsey will work on the brochure and will send a few different versions out to look at.

### **Space of Officers in the Buildings**

Chief Carter informed everyone that last year there was a room in all of the schools for officers but they haven't been by this year to see if that's still the case. Chris Decker said that the administration hasn't changed so it shouldn't be a problem for the officers to keep those same rooms. Chief Carter said the officers were there a few times a week, no set schedule.

### **Gear up for the Youth Aspiration Task Force (Barb Radmore)**

Barb Radmore informed everyone that November 6 at 3pm there will be an event held at Oxford Federal Credit Union with a lot going on, Bob Stewart will be there. She has promised to give us a detailed report along with pictures from the event.

### **Impact of MJ Legalization Initiatives may have on Youth after Election**

We will address this in the next meeting, after election results, and creating marijuana legalization education about the impact it may have on youth.

### **Others**

Some of the sector members will have to be replaced, like the business sector. Looking at Circle K, they can do sticker shock and compliance checks, and be an example for other businesses in the community. Our grant offers funding for training. The Prevention Convention is coming up on November 6 in Hallowell. Anyone interested please let Patty know so she can register you.

There are also 3, one-week trainings in Albany that Allie has to go to, she may recruit a coalition member to go with her.

Karen Williams is coming to Maine in April (Yay!). She has agreed to work with 21 Reasons to do Grand Rounds at Maine Med, and also speak to community members in the evening. She would like to visit our coalition. She presents on adolescent brain development and adverse childhood experiences and how they're addressed. There was some brainstorming on where she should present while she's here, maybe being the keynote at the DARE graduation, or a school staff meeting, or incentivizing a community forum for parents to attend.

Another topic brought up was the slide show that needs to be created and where we can have it playing, ideas included school TVs, hospital TVs, and public access TV.

The Action Plan is going to be sent out electronically, please take a look at that, if you see something that's already done, let us know, give us any information you have about what's going on with the action plan.

### **Next Meeting**

There will be a doodle sent out to decide on the date and time of our next meeting.

We will vote on the bylaws and address the marijuana legalization impact on youth education.