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AGENDA

Community Board Meeting
ZOOM MEETING
March 3, 2021 4:00PM – 5:00PM

- I. Call to Order/Moment of Silence
- II. Sign in/Introductions
- III. Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes (February 3, 2021)
- IV. Treasury Report
- V. Program updates
- VI. Old Business
 - Action Teams
- VII. New Business/Announcements
- VIII. Adjournment

**Silent prayer/meditation
thought (voluntary):**

***Students and school staff as
they go back to in person
schooling.***

Factoid of the Month:

School Failure April 2020

Research shows that there is a definite link between teen substance abuse and how well you do in school. **Teens who abuse drugs have lower grades, a higher rate of absence from school and other activities, and an increased potential for dropping out of school.**

Although we all know or hear stories about people who use [drugs](#) and still get great grades, this is not typical. Most people who use drugs regularly don't consistently do well in school.

[Studies show that marijuana](#), for example, affects your attention, memory, and ability to learn. Its effects can last for days or weeks after the drug wears off. So, if you are smoking marijuana daily, you are not functioning at your best. Students who smoke [marijuana](#) tend to get lower grades and are more likely to drop out of high school. One recent marijuana study showed that **heavy marijuana use in your teen years and continued into adulthood can reduce your IQ up to as much as 8 points.** High school dropout rates have also risen as a result of substance abuse.

A study of teens in 12th grade (16-18 years of age) who dropped out of school before graduation are more likely than their peers to be users of cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana and other illicit drugs.

Illicit drug use among dropouts was higher than for those in school (31.4 percent vs. 18.2 percent). Dropouts were more likely to be current marijuana users than those in school (27.3 percent vs. 15.3 percent) and non-medical users of prescription drugs (9.5 percent vs. 5.1 percent).

Teens who smoke, drink alcohol, binge drink or use marijuana or other drugs are more likely than non-users to drop out of school and less likely than non-users to graduate from high school, attend college or obtain a college degree.

Source: <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/content/school-failure>

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COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2021 – ZOOM Meeting
4:00PM

PRESENT:

Executive Director: Joana Wells; Coalition Youth Prevention Program Manager: Tiffany Shirley; Coalition Youth Prevention Program Manager: Julie Fuentes; Youth Media Program Assistant: Sarah Bowman; SPF/Teen Court Assistant: Samantha Smith; OSAP Prevention Manager: Erin Williams; Youth Intern: Hannah Kim; Exec. Board of Directors: Steve Cummings (Exec. Board President), Jacob Puckett (Executive Board of Directors & Albertsons Assistant Store Manager); Guests: Jamie Rose: Cavern City Children's Advocacy Center Youth Advocate/Case Manager for the Foundry Home; Ashlyn Lujan: DWI Program Prevention Educator; Cpl. Michael Shott: Carlsbad Police Department Community Representative.

Meeting called to Order:

Joana Wells at 4:05 PM.

Moment of Silence ensued.

SIGN IN/INTRODUCTIONS:

Round Robin of attendees.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES:

Motion to Approve January 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Jacob Puckett

Seconded: Jamie Rose

Motion Carried

TREASURY REPORT: Joana Wells

Report was not available in time for today's meeting but will be available for next month. Due to billing cycle cut off dates, February's Treasury Report will also have the same delay.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

Joana Wells (Program Director) – Joana stated that although COVID-19 has provided many challenges for the Coalition to overcome in the last year, that she has been impressed with the resiliency that staff and partners have shown. Programs are successfully tweaking their models to be virtual rather than in class, incentivizing youth to participate in new varied ways.

Julie Fuentes (Teen Court, TOP & STOP) – Teen Court: The team is currently focusing on training with the Youth Attorneys and maintaining contact with the Municipal Court, Magistrate Court, and Juvenile Probation Office. TOP Club is only meeting once per week on Tuesdays because Jefferson Montessori Academy has recently migrated to a new block schedule. We currently have 10 youth attending this semester and are currently focusing on the health and hygiene section. The team is looking forward to figuring out the details of the transition to an in-person model. With the STOP Program, the team is meeting once per week with the 7th graders; they are looking forward to word of mouth bringing in more youth participants. The team is trying to schedule a start date for 6th graders but are taking it slow because of the in-person transition.

Tiffany Shirley (SPF/PFS) – Tiffany has started teaching the All-Star Curriculum virtually to the 8th Grade Health Class Students. The classes will be held virtually on Wednesdays for the next 12 Wednesdays. She is expecting there to be approximately 200 students between the 2 Health Teachers' rosters.

Erin Williams (OSAP GRANT) – Erin worked with Natalie last month to obtain more information from local pharmacies. Both got the opportunity to speak to the pharmacists and discuss with them the most effective way to share information with the public. Based on that feedback, Erin printed several bag tags and will be going out into the community to distribute the bag tags to the pharmacies during February. Erin, Samantha, and Sarah distributed approximately 100 informational bags to Senior Citizens in the community through the Meals on Wheels Program in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Action Teams-** Parents in Action is a Facebook group where the Coalition provides several different trainings and resources on a wide range of prevention topics. Joana asked the meeting attendees for their suggestions for potential stakeholders that we could approach to help distribute the Parents in Action Group. Options for a Driver's Education campaign through the Bradley School of Driving were discussed and assigned to Erin to further develop throughout the month.

Joana announced that this week the team has been participating in the CADCA Training. Coalition Staff were able to meet with Senator Lujan's Representatives to discuss Coalition work within the State of New Mexico. Topics discussed include improving Tobacco Age Restriction Legislation as well as the value of the ACES questionnaire and access to virtual mental health services.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joana stated that a new Chairperson for the Coalition Board must be nominated with the departure of Mary Garwood as Chairperson. The Chairperson will be the person who takes meeting minutes for the Coalition Board Meetings. There were no nominations during the session, so nominations will remain open.

Ashlyn mentioned that she has been busy with training and community outreach opportunities. She has attended two community traffic stop events and mentioned they are starting back up again despite current COVID statistics. Jamie mentioned that despite a few roadblocks, the previously discussed Foundry Home should be open by the end of February 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Joana Wells adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM

Minutes Submitted by Sarah Bowman