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Youth First Coalition

Data & Evaluation Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Feb 10, 2022 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russel Melmed, Jennika Jenkins, Charity Benedict

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Miskell, Jacquelyn Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Josiah Perkins (Bacon Academy), Janet DePratti

1. CALL TO ORDER

Charity Benedict called this meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None.

3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Approval of January 27, 2022, meeting minutes was tabled until next meeting. A quorum of members was not present when this agenda item was covered.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVE CHANGES TO SERAC YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SURVEYS

a. Community Survey

- 1) This survey is currently in review by the Drug Free Communities Evaluation Team.
- 2) Question #19 – change choice wording to “use any illicit drugs or substances?”
- 3) Question #33 – remove extra columns.
- 4) Question #40 – correct punctuation.

b. Youth Survey

- 1) Question #4 - add the word “using” in front of e-cigs for consistency with the other options.
- 2) Question #6 – add at end of question in parenthesis “smoked part or all of a cigarette?”.
- 3) Question #17 – decided to leave as is.
- 4) Question #21 – decided to leave “more than a sip” as is for consistency.
- 5) Question #30 – agreed to change wording to “a prescription drug not prescribed to you” followed by examples.

The Youth First Coalition functions as the Youth Services Advisory Board and fulfills the requirements of the Drug Free Communities Program. The goals of the Drug Free Communities Program are to strengthen and enhance the functioning of the Coalition and to reduce youth usage of Marijuana and Alcohol. The Coalition does this by developing culturally appropriate substance use prevention and education initiatives based on local data collected annually from Colchester Youth and Parents.

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- 6) Question #32 – there was discussion around inserting a validation question, but decided against it.
- 7) Question #46 – used “TikTok”, “Facebook”, “Twitter”, “Instagram”, “Snapchat”, “Pinterest”, “Reddit”, “YouTube”, “Other” as selections.
- c. Charity stated she will be meeting on Monday with Melissa Cyr and Chris Bennett about administering the survey.

6. DISCUSS REPORTING OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS SURVEY RESULTS

- a. Charity gave background that CYFC Marketing and Media group will be creating videos on all eight of the SEARCH Institute Developmental Assets. CYFC will be targeting areas where our youth have shown the greatest amount of vulnerability based on the 2019 Surveys: Positive Values, Social Competencies, Commitment to Learning, Positive Identity, Constructive Use of Time, Boundaries.
- b. Charity stated next step for the Data & Evaluation subcommittee is to pull data from the SEARCH Institute Developmental Asset Survey Report and create a two page summary.

7. NEXT STEPS

1. **Charity:** Send 2019 Survey Reports to Jennika.
2. **Team:** Pull data from the SEARCH Institute Developmental Asset Survey Report and create a two page summary.

8. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1pm

10. NEXT MEETING

February 24, 2022 at 12 pm, Zoom