

## Colchester Youth & Social Services

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# Youth First Coalition Data & Evaluation Sub Committee Meeting Minutes

Feb 24, 2022 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russel Melmed, Jennika Jenkins, Charity Benedict

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Miskell, Jacquelyn Rose

OTHERS PRESENT: Tyler D, Dan S, Sandra, Noah Garfield, Anthony Mourin, Lucky, Adrianna (all Bacon Academy students), Janet DePratti

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Charity Benedict called this meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

## 2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

None.

## 3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None.

## 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the January 27, 2022, meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion by: R Melmed

to approve the minutes of January 27, 2022, as presented.

Second by: C Benedict

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve

Minutes of the February 10, 2022, meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion by: R Melmed

to approve the minutes of February 10, 2022, as presented.

Second by: C Benedict

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve

## 5. FINAL APPROVAL SERAC YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SURVEYS

The SERAC Youth and Community Surveys were presented for review and approval.

**Motion by:** R. Melmed

to approve the SERAC Youth and Community Surveys as presented on February 24, 2022

**Second by:** C. Benedict

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve

a. Charity stated CYFC has approval of the surveys from DFC Evaluators.

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- b. SERAC Youth Survey - Charity stated parents can choose to opt out, by signing and returning an Opt-Out form. Charity will provide these out to the schools. The Opt-Out form and the SERAC Youth Survey will also be in the school offices if parents choose to use the form or look at the survey. Bacon Academy will administer the survey on March 18 for freshman, juniors, and seniors and on April 1 for sophomores. WJJMS will administer to all students on March 18.
- c. SERAC Community Survey – Charity stated the community survey will be available on Facebook, in restaurants via a QR code on a tent card, and by digital backpack. It will also be sent to parents via the newsletter. Russ suggested to also send it out via the PTA. Participating with FUD Delivery with stickers on packaging was also discussed.
- d. Community Survey Close – A tentative close was decided for April 8, depending on the number of responses. A final push for participation could be requested that week. A final close would be April 14.

## 6. DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS REPORTING

- a. Charity stated the CYFC had tentatively planned to have the SEARCH Institute give presentations on March 23 and 24. But due to the high cost of both Zoom and in-person presentations by the SEARCH Institute, it was decided against having them.
- b. The team brainstormed ideas on creating a 2-3 page presentation for parents as a summary and additional information to the 40 short videos the Marketing and Media committee is producing on the SEARCH Institute's Developmental Assets. The 2-3 page presentation is to highlight the vulnerable development asset areas of Colchester Youth shown in the Developmental Assets Profile (DAP) Reports. Russ stated he would rework the selected graphs from the DAP reports that we decided to use with the Coalition colors for marketing consistency. Jan stated she would create a 2-3 page presentation with those graphs and additional information the team chose from the DAP report, using presentation templates from Miranda Creative for marketing consistency.
- c. Additional discussion focused around how to address improving those Developmental Asset areas in which Colchester youth show vulnerability. Charity stated other communities have used the DAP results to start programs to build up those assets. Russ noted many of the Colchester Youth's vulnerable assets shown in the DAP focus on parental and in-home activities. It was suggested to talk with Val for a way information can go out to the parents and homes.
- d. It was noted by the group that there is a substantial change shown in the DAP reports of the number of Developmental Assets that are adequate in middle school, but drop to vulnerable in high school. The committee agreed that further brainstorming and development of programs to understand and address this change is an important next step.

## 7. NEXT STEPS

- 1. **Charity:** Send Opt-Out form and survey example to schools first week of March.
- 2. **Charity** order stickers and tent cards for Community Survey QR Code
- 3. **Russ:** Rework the selected graphs from the DAP reports with the Coalition colors.
- 4. **Jan:** Develop 2-3 page summary presentation for parents

## 8. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 pm

## 10. NEXT MEETING

March 24, 2022 at 12 pm, Zoom

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