



Colchester Youth & Social Services

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The Youth First Coalition is charged with the mission of promoting the social, emotional, and physical health and well-being of Colchester Youth. The coalition does this by 1) Advising and making recommendation on overall policy and program direction for the Youth Services Bureau, and 2) Developing culturally competent substance abuse prevention initiatives and increasing public awareness of the prevention of substance abuse.

Youth FIRST COALITION

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 – 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 1007 2848 **Passcode: 165987**

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AGENDA

Voting members: Jacquelyn Rose, Russ Melmed, Ann Marie Maffuid, Samantha Van Zilen, Carol Wikarska

Voting Members Absent: Pam Scheibelein, Lorraine

Others: Tiffany Quinn, Denise Mizla, Lauren Lorincz, Jennika Jenkins, Caitlin Wargat, Kylie Fontaine, Craig Scheel (Colchester YRO), Sue Hickey, Charity Benedict, Valerie Geato

1. Call Meeting To Order – Jacquelyn called meeting to order at 5:36 following introductions
2. Approval of Minutes- No Quorum September Meeting
3. Public Comments – none
4. Old Business
 - A. LPC Grant Project 2021-2022
 - a. \$7,100 from SERAC
 - b. Reviewed application and made recommendations to refine language
 - c. Leverage about \$800 on vaping prevention and the rest on behavioral and mental health as a strategy, such as community conversations, a well-being fair, and teacher trainings
 - d. Recommended we consult Youth Action Council for vaping prevention initiatives
 - e. Russ motioned to submit for the application with discussed changes; Samantha seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed
 - B. Member Recruitment Activities
 - a. **Charity will resend collateral to support member recruitment**
 - b. Voting member vs. sector representation

- c. Val going to propose to change the language in the bylaws regarding residency requirement
- d. Media sector representation needs to re-evaluated -> perhaps focus on social media
- e. **Charity will send recruitment doc via Google**
- C. Other

5. New Business

- A. Review School Board Policies Re: Vaping
 - a. Policies are all available online
 - b. Exploring creating an ad-hoc group focused on school-based initiatives
 - c. Russ motioned to create an ad-hoc committee focused on school activities; Jacquelyn seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed
- B. Clarification of Roles & Responsibilities LPC/YSAB/Youth First Coalition
 - a. Document sent summarizing the role of different bodies; **Charity will resend**
 - b. Russ motioned to table item to next meeting to allow more time to review; Jacquelyn seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed
- C. Community Conversation Schedule 2021-2022
 - a. Discussed the need for an ad-hoc committee focused on community education
 - b. Jacquelyn motioned to amend the previous motion to create an ad-hoc subcommittee focused on school-based initiatives to instead create three ad-hoc committees; Samantha seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed
 - c. **Charity will send list of committees and roles; meeting participants will notify Charity which ad-hoc committee they want to participate in**
- D. Developmental Assets Survey Planning
 - a. Ordered; hoping to administer on 10/29
 - b. Administered electronically -> link will be emailed to students
 - c. Will get aggregate data report
- E. Youth First Coalition Trick or Trunk Planning
 - a. YAC entered scarecrow contest
 - b. T or T on October 30th at 5:30 to 7:00pm at the RecPlex
 - c. **Meeting participants interested in volunteering should notify Charity**
- F. Other
 - a. October 23rd national drug takeback; collecting at town hall from 10-2; distributing collateral; **Meeting participants interested in volunteering should notify Charity**
 - b. Resolution Run – send resolution run to do list with roles and responsibilities of different stakeholder groups
 - c. Logo – like the first and second

6. Next agenda

- 7. Adjourn – Russ motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm; Samantha seconded; all in favor; no opposition; motion passed