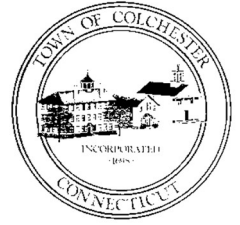




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**Colchester Youth  
First Coalition**

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 Data & Evaluation Sub Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 13, 2022 – 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Zoom Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Russell Melmed, Jaqueline Rose, Jennika Jenkins, Charity Benedict

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Christine Miskell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None.

#### **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 December 9, 2021 meeting minutes was tabled until next meeting. Clarification from the clerk's office is needed as to specific public meetings.

#### **5. REVIEW OF EDITS TO SERAC SURVEYS**

- a. Youth Survey gender options should be expanded to match those on the Community Survey.
- b. Demographics section of Community Survey – add "What is your annual household income from all sources"
- c. On Community Survey question about Education Level – Edit: High School/GED/Equivalent
- d. Community Survey: Check to see what the survey displays as a header when Non-Parents are skipped ahead to that section, edit to say "Parent of Non-School Aged Children and Non-Parent or Other Community Member"

- e. Community Survey Question # 16- Chop off wording “did any of the following” and edit last two options to say “was bullied” and “bullied other children”
- f. Community Survey- #s 18-21 make a matrix and add in Marijuana and Other Illicit Drugs
- g. Community Survey – go through and make sure anywhere it says “parent/guardian” anywhere term parent is used
- h. Binge Drinking question- Jennika will check on the wording of the validated measure and edit for clarity, if possible, to “Drink 5 or More Alcoholic Drinks, once or twice a week”
- i. Community Survey - #23, add Binge Drinking to the options
- j. Community Survey- Change any incidence of “smoking Marijuana”, remove “smoking”
- k. Community Survey- Developmental Assets/Protective Factors questions, Add two multiple choice questions
  - a. 1) Is your oldest child engaged in any of the following: Youth Programs, Creative Activities, volunteer activities, religious community
  - b. Does your oldest child have any of the following supports in place: Supportive Non Parent Adult, Trusted Teacher, Caring Neighbors, Positive Peer Influence
- l. On Youth Survey, change wording to parent/guardian
- m. Youth Survey- Reasons for not using- sees like awareness of physical harm/risk is missing as an option. They are all social/emotional reasons.
- n. Youth Survey- add question on perceptions of rates/incidence of peer usage
- o. Youth Survey- Remove Energy Drink Questions
- p. Youth Survey- Remove Question about truthfulness
- q. Youth Survey -Add one or two more validation question

## **6. DISCUSS REPORTING OPTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS SURVEY RESULTS**

Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints

## **7. DETERMINE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022**

Committee will meet every two weeks until the SERAC Survey is administered and then monthly. January 27, Feb 10, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and then monthly. Charity will send out meeting invites and notify clerk's office.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

1. Charity will send out meeting invites
2. Charity will check with Clerk's office on what meeting rules need to be followed by committees.
3. Jennika will make final edits to the surveys
4. Charity will initiate conversations with Melissa Cyr and Chris Bennett on timing of survey administration and prep process
5. Next meeting will be final review and approval of updated surveys.

## **9. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS** None.

## **10: ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

January 27, 2022 at 12 pm, Zoom