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Youth Services Advisory Board/Youth FIRST COALITION

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – 5:00 pm Virtual Zoom meeting

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MINUTES

Members present: Vice Chair Pam Scheibelein, Elizabeth Allard, and Secretary Jacquelyn Rose

Others present: Christine Miskell, Rob Tarlov, Sue Hickey, Kylie Fontaine, Valerie Geato, Oliver Gregan, Ann Marie Maffuid

Members absent: Lorraine Marvin, Russel Melmed

1. Call Meeting To Order: meeting called to order at 5:10
2. Approval of October Minutes: meetings not distributed before meeting. Will review and approve in December.
3. Public Comments: no comment
4. Old Business
 - A. Program Coordinator update: Oliver Gregan's first day is today, November 4th, 2020. Oliver briefly introduced himself.
 - B. Suicide/ Mental Health grant update: two year grant for \$20,000 recently wrapped-up. Many good things stemmed from grant at all grade levels (elementary, middle, and high school). Required to develop school plan re/ suicide response. Also covers unexpected youth death. School now has the tools they need to move that process forward. CPHA recently released youth suicide call to action.
 - C. Other: Jacquelyn mentioned youth STD rates in Connecticut and potential connection to mental health.

5. New Business

- A. Fall Program update: continuing to facilitate Learning Lounge. School are referring students from PPT process. Extending hours of program to accommodate the entire school day. Children will be bussed to school and youth center staff will pick-up from schools. Almost at full capacity on Thursday and Friday. Slots are still available on Monday and Tuesday. Still meeting with high school students for Youth Uprise. Community project will focus on ensuring students know what resources they have access to. Distributed prescription lockboxes and THC lock boxes at Youth Center on Halloween.
- B. Resolution Run 2021 discussion: need to make a decision about how to host event, i.e. in-person or virtual run. Spoke to Charlie from timing company and he has coordinated in-person runs. Reported many runners are looking forward to in-person run. Made over \$4,000 on race last year. If virtual, can map different paths for people to run in town. Val will connect with Russ to see what he recommends.
- C. Other: UCFS running teen youth groups via telehealth. Potential fundraiser: paint and sell holiday ornaments with YSB logo. New school resource officer – Officer Mike Brown.

6. Local Prevention Council Initiatives

- A. Vaping initiatives- Brainstorming & Next steps: discussed having virtual campaign for parents and virtual campaign for students. Val suggested developing a subcommittee. Youth Uprise participants have ideas regarding messaging. Way to change youth minds about vaping is to approach it from an environmental standpoint i.e. what vaping does to the world vs. what vaping does to the body. Betsy will ask youth if they would like to participate. Need to figure out which messages to send to parents – six part series (i.e. six different messages) that will be diffused via social media. Need parent input. Homework: review recommendations and materials distributed about vaping.
- B. Other

7. Next agenda

- 8. Adjourn: Jacquelyn motioned to adjourn, Pam seconded, all in favor, motion passed.