



Special Meeting Minutes of the Fairfield CARES Community Coalition Leadership

September 13, 2021 at 8:30 am

In Attendance: Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Mike Cummings, Phil Dwyer, Bernadette Coppola, and Cathy Hazlett

Call the Meeting to Order at 8:35AM

Approval of the Minutes: Due to being a special meeting, the minutes of the August Leadership meeting will be approved at the next regular Leadership meeting.

Co-Chair Update: Mike Cummings mentioned school was off to a good start and it was good to have students back in the classroom. Cristin McCarthy Vahey commented that she is feeling positive about our chances for the Drug Free Communities grant.

Drug Free Communities Grant: A revised budget narrative was submitted to the CDC on August 29th based on the directives from a meeting with the CDC on Thursday, August 26th. The coalition will learn the outcome of its grant application by the end of September.

Review of LPC Grant Application: The first draft for \$12,191.55 was reviewed. This year's LPC grant focuses on vaping, a second substance chosen by the LPC and sustainability. Cathy was awaiting feedback from the Hub regarding questions of allocating funds to support social media, and our communications outreach.

Developmental Relationship Survey Follow-Up: A meeting needs to be scheduled with Search Institute and a small committee of school representatives regarding next steps. Cathy is working with Rob Mancusi, Executive Director of Special Education and Special Programs.

Website Re-Do: Fairfield CARES will be getting a new website via a Fairfield University undergraduate class in web design and development as part of a service learning project led by Professor Amalia Rusu. It is expected that the new web site will be launched by the end of 2021.

Review Coalition Goals for FY22: A few revisions were made to the draft and will be shared with coalition members at the September meeting.

Billboards and Cannabis Law: Cristin will follow-up with the Attorney General. Several billboards advertising cannabis have been seen in CT which is not permitted based on the newly enacted state cannabis law.

September Coalition Meeting: Leadership outlined the agenda for the September 22nd coalition meeting.

Adjournment: Phil Dwyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Bernadette Coppola seconded the motion; it carried unanimously. The Leadership meeting adjourned at 10:12AM.