



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition
Leadership Meeting Minutes January 4, 2021 at 8:30 am
Zoom Meeting

The Fairfield Cares Community Coalition held a zoom meeting,
<https://youtu.be/UfANmozdMy4>

LEADERSHIP AGENDA

Call the Meeting to Order 8:40AM: Present included Cristin McCarthy Vahey, Mike Cummings, Reini Knorr, Margaret Watt, Bernadette Coppola, Phil Dwyer, and Cathy Hazlett, Leonora Campbell

Approval of the December 7th Minutes: Cathy Hazlett moved to accept the December Leadership minutes and Phil Dwyer seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Chair Update: Cristin shared that she will be back in session and please text her to stay connected. Cristin addressed the Marijuana legalization is being moved forward and that there is more support in the makeup of the assembly in having it happen. Discussion to pursue further how to approach this topic and strategies. Address what we need and what we are looking for in our coalition. Flavor band bill will start in the larger cities and it will have a state-wide effort. Cristin shared information about a session with the Norwalk Acts that is going to do a data literacy forum – how to look at Data and review the data – possibly work with with coalition

Revised Mission Statement & Vision Statement: Phil provided a review and update regarding the document that was worked on by the ad-hoc committee. The document was sent out for approval 14 days before the Coalition 1/20 meeting.

Coalition Leadership Succession Planning: Cathy reviewed the development of a nominating committee to help with recruiting individuals for leadership and committees. Lori Mediate has agreed and looking for two more folks. Need to provide

training and transition of these positions in June/July. There was discussion about the at-large position and thinking about who that could be.

Discussion occurred about fundraising for the coalition through the town and working with the Board of Education as well. Cristin and Mike will further review.

Cathy reminded everyone that the Coalition Coordinator position ends June 30th and Margaret will continue to pursue as well as fundraising. Reini mentioned that a GoFundMe account was established for Fairfield Cares Coalition.

CSC Grant Update: Cathy Hazlett provided an update regarding Tips training with Police and Chamber of Commerce to help promote with local vendors. She informed the leadership that with building capacity for the coalition a new member from a local beverage retailer has become involved. The Vaping survey about to be launched as well as sent a video with the 8th grade Health class to be approved. Contact with RTM members has happened to create a relationship and encourage more involvement and engagement with the youth committee. Encouraged Youth training: Jan 11th – Tobacco Control workshop January 18th – Advocacy – peer to peer.

DCF grant being worked on to organize key informants and potential interviewees especially utilizing coalition members. Cathy mentioned coordinating a focus group with Veterans and teen veterans with Tom Dorsey.

LPC Grant Update: Wendy has worked to get the postcards out and survey information and how to gather the data – Cathy and Emily have been involved.

Other Updates:

Topic orientated sessions in February with Leadership and then with the coalition members.

Ben Cort speaker - January 13th New Canaan parent support group

Adjournment: Reini Knorr moved to adjourn and Phil Dwyer second and unanimously all-in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 9:59AM.