



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition Leadership Minutes

July 12, 2021 at 8:30 am

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

Call the Meeting to Order at 8:40AM

Approval of the June 7th Minutes: Reini Knorr moved to accept the June 7th Leadership minutes and Mike Cummings seconded. There were no objections and minutes were unanimously approved.

Co-Chair Update: Mike Cummings mentioned that he has to leave at 9:00AM

Treasurer's Report: Bernadette Coppola reported on the coalition's various fund sources. The balance of the CSC grant will be used for training Fairfield Public School Staff as a follow up on the Developmental Relationships Survey. The SOR and Communities Talk grants will be spent by the end of 2021.

2021-22 LPC Grant Application: The LPC grant will continue to focus on vaping (nicotine & cannabis) in 2021-22 and the coalition will also address underage drinking as our second priority substance with focus on teen suicide prevention, include QPR training.

Responding to the New Cannabis Law: Leadership discussed if it should take a position on having cannabis retail establishments in the community and focus on the impact of cannabis on a young person's mental health. It was agreed to continue the discussion in August.

Draft Coalition Budget/Sustainability: The goal for FY 22 is to raise at least \$5,000 for the coalition by increasing individual donations and conducting one fundraising event.

DR Survey Follow Up: We will present the full survey and schedule meetings to share survey results with community partners.

Grant/Committee Updates: No new grant information to report. The Educational Programming Committee has planned a program for International Overdose Awareness Day at Sherman Green on August 31st.

Alcohol Compliance Checks: Cathy will follow up with Officers Lance Newkirchen and Beth Leetch to inquire of the process to conduct alcohol compliance checks.

Adjournment: Phil Dwyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Bernadette Coppola seconded the motion; it carried unanimously. The Leadership meeting adjourned at 10:35.