



Fairfield CARES Community Coalition
Minutes
May 3, 2021 at 8:30 am

Call the Meeting to Order at 8:35am

Approval of the April 5th Minutes Phil Dwyer moved to accept the April 5th Leadership minutes and Wendy Bentivenga seconded. There were no objections and minutes were unanimously approved.

Co-Chair Update –

Mr. Cummings mentioned that he has to leave at 9:30am

Coalition By-Law Revisions – Phil shared that there was some additional information or questions related to the by-laws. One regarding the use of misuse throughout the document. The other thought was to discuss and was related to the conflict-of-interest statement. There was a question regarding the final/annual meeting and a consideration to change it. Further discussion took place to leave in May. The By-laws will be sent out to the coalition on May 4th to allow the 14 days to be reviewed ahead of the May meeting.

Advocacy Policy & Process: Discussion focused on the position members of the coalition can take regarding the advocacy of a topic or issue that is being addressed by the legislature – or in the community. Further discussion focused on that if a topic or area of interest the coalition is interested in talking about, have it reviewed by the Leadership.

May Coalition Meeting Agenda: Discussion of the outline and agenda for the May meeting. It will include the required Annual Business meeting to review and discuss the following: Reports for the 2020-2021 year from: the Co-chair, Coalition Coordinator, Treasurer, Nominating committee – election of officers, and the approval of the following : By-Laws revision for acceptance and approval and the Advocacy and Education Policy. Also, a summary of what has been accomplished and other pertinent information.

Updates on Grants:

Reini discussed the presenter for May 19th 7:00pm Better High – Laugh, Help, Run, Love and others way to get a Natural High – author Matt Ballace –

CSC -

LPC - Postcards out , little amount of money allocated to evaluation time with Emily – and the Health educational piece - \$50.00 coffee chat – money meet with members and purchase coffee. Need to spend this money by June 30th. All of the money has been allocated. Mandated report for the end of July. Questions regarding the new date for the submission of new funding.

SOR – a substantial amount of the grant will be for the bags and flag banners and trainings will be allocated -

DFC – working on getting completed and updated the leadership to the overall status. attachments are in the computer and signatures and budget being worked on. There was discussion about the budget review for the grant and more finalizations will continue for necessary areas with the budget. Working on getting the main part of the document to 15 pages and should be there soon.

Project ECHO: Prevention in the Era of Commercial Cannabis – Cathy provided a review of this new opportunity for up of a team from 2-6 members of the coalition to attend virtual meetings related to year-long curriculum on what is coming down with Commercial Cannabis. It was agreed that it would be mentioned at the May meeting to solicit interest and possible attendance. There was discussion who to consider asking to participate.

Committee Updates:

Programming: Events during National Prevention week – with each day having a theme. Simple events and not costing too many expenses.

Over the summer Narcan training for the real estate market to get trained.

QPR training – would like to provide on an on-going basis.

There was discussion regarding the FCIAC Life Teammates – eager to get speaker - John Trautwein in Fairfield – trying to involve more folks who are involved with Mental Health – There was discussion regarding an article about suicide by a local reporter and not following journalist protocol.

Discussed the “If they had Known” movie – was viewed at the last coalition meeting and we have the license all year long -so we can offer this screening.

Adjournment Cathy asked for a motion to adjourn and Wendy moved and Phil seconded unanimously all-in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:51AM