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Vernon's Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council

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November 15, 2017 2:15pm-3:15pm
Rockville High School, Vernon, CT

Special Meeting
Approved Minutes

1. Welcome New Members & Introductions
   Members present: Kaitlin Carafa, Kim McTighe, Robin Kohler, Chris Luginbuhl, Josh Wells, Jean Gauthier, Aiman Hameed, Urwa Hameed, Cassandra Zwarycz

2. Review of 10/20 minutes: A motion was made to approve the draft minutes for the 10/20/17 Coalition Special meeting. The motion was seconded. All members voted in favor and the motion to accept the 9/28/17 minutes was passed.

3. October Events Stats – thanks for those who helped!
   a. Community Basketball Tournament – 10/28/17 at Henry Park 11a-3p
      i. About 35 Vernon teens & about 20 adults in attendance : The group suggested that next time the event should start a little later in the day to try to get more youth involvement, it was also suggested to consider comp. time for officers
   b. DEA drug take-back event – 10/28/17 at Walgreens 11a-2p
      i. Over 200 pounds of prescription medications collected : The group discussed that next time we will be able to promote this event more since we will have our own website and social media

4. Opioid Forum 12/6/17
   a. 5:00p (or earlier) to help set up – boxed lunch provided to staff: it was discussed that coalition members would be needed to help with setting up tables and registration; RHS peer advocates will attend the event to help direct attendees to the different resources/activities at the event. Kaitlin announced that as people come in they will receive a tote bag (with Vernon ROCKS logo), a prescription drug disposal bag, and an event pamphlet/program; Kim suggested we also order pens to put in the bags for attendees to take notes. It was also discussed that we will be asking for volunteers to complete a survey to collect data around parent/adult drug use and perception of harm.

   b. Hidden in Plain Sight confirmed: It was suggested that this be set up in the small cafeteria

   c. NARCAN training available through Rockville Pharmacy: It was suggested that this be set up in the library conference room for privacy

   d. Resource fair – registration forms sent out: Registration forms have been sent to about 30 providers/agencies, about 7 registration forms had come back by the time of the meeting. Kaitlin announced that several others are expected soon.

   e. Panel – Moderator: Dan Corcoran (NBC News) Guest Speaker: John Lally (20-30 minutes) Matt Gedansky, VPD, HVCC – It was discussed that we may still want to seek out a person in recovery and a medical professional, Chris suggested he may have some contacts for a person in recovery who may be willing to be on the panel

f. Promotion of forum – event flyer: Kaitlin announced that The Village is helping to create the event flyer and will have the final draft of that by next week once we have received all registration forms. It was mentioned that John Lally has already posted the event on his Facebook and people are already beginning to talk about it. The group discussed the need for someone to be there as a photographer to post pictures following the event.

5. Coalition branding / Marketing
   a. Website layout: The group reviewed the draft of the website layout. Overall the group was happy with the design. It was suggested that the "Ways to Give" include volunteering and getting involved in the coalition rather than a focus on monetary donations. It was suggested that the design include the description of what "ROCKS" stands for.

6. Local Prevention Grant application - Application submitted: Kim announced that the grant was accepted by ERASE and that the grant funds have been received. The next steps will be to begin coordinating another round of compliance checks followed by a TIPS training.

Respectfully submitted by:

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