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1. Welcome & Introductions

Participants: Michelle Hill (chairperson), Holly Hansen (AmeriCorps VISTA), Cairo Kidd (AmeriCorps VISTA), Kim McTighe (youth-serving), Robin Kohler (youth-serving), Cody Flanigan (law enforcement), Steven Jackson (healthcare), Dana Kukucka (youth-serving), Cassandra Zwarycz (staff), Kaitlin Carafa (staff), Rica Hutchinson (evaluation staff), and Chris Luginbuhl (faith-based).

2. Review of 4/24/19 minutes

A motion to accept the 4/24/19 draft minutes as presented was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

3. Review/Approve Tentative 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

The proposed meeting schedule for Sept 2019-August 2020 was presented and all members agreed to keep the same time and location.

4. Opioid Use Disorders in Older Adults Presentation Review

AmeriCorps VISTA member, Holly, presented the Opioid Use Disorders presentation she created to be shown at the Vernon Senior Center next week. Members praised the content and suggested that we possibly change the color and also print the presentation for the audience to follow along.

5. Real Talk Vernon updates

Cassie explained what the Real Talk members have worked on this summer and some of their ideas for the upcoming school year. She shared that we had 4 new members get involved in Real Talk this summer and that two of our youth members presented the night before to the Town Council to give them an update.

6. Grant updates

a. SOR mini-grant

- i. Kaitlin gave an update on what we need to work on for the SOR mini-grant including steps to become a "recovery friendly community" and planning a Narcan training combined with a QPR training.

b. LPC grant funds application

- i. Michelle shared that the LPC grant application is due soon and requested suggestions for what we should use those funds for this year. It was suggested that the schools may need another breathalyzer to use at school events, PD presence at the Volleyball Lock-in, support for Vernon ROCKS events and coalition luncheon, and alcohol compliance checks.

c. Federal grants (SPF-PFS & DFC) submitted

- i. Kaitlin shared that both federal grants were submitted but we have not yet heard back on either. The SPF-PFS has an anticipated start date of 9/30/19 and

would partner our coalition with Manchester's and the DFC has an anticipated start date of 10/30/19 and would sustain our current work.

7. Subcommittees

a. Sustainability

- i. Plan approved by DMHAS – a copy of plan available for review and Kaitlin can share it with anyone who would like to read it. The steps we've taken so far have been applications for federal grant funding.

b. Evaluation

- i. Meeting with school admin to review results on Friday 8/23
- ii. Please complete coalition member survey – coalition members were encouraged to please complete their surveys and return them ASAP

c. Event Planning

- i. 3rd Annual Community Basketball Tournament – The group discussed some initial tentative dates for the tournament and it was suggested that as soon as we have a date, we work on getting a flyer for the event out to the PD and the schools.

8. Events Recap

- a. June Annual Luncheon – Michelle shared some information about our annual luncheon where we honored our coalition member of the year, Phil Bunick, and our two graduating seniors. We were happy that DMHAS and the mayor came to support.
- b. National Night Out – We had a table at National Night Out and had 7 youth members volunteer at the event. They created a fun, educational prevention activity to do with the community members.

9. Upcoming Events

- a. Presentation at Vernon Senior Center – August 29th
- b. QPR & Narcan training – TBD (before October) – Michelle will reach out to the library to reserve a date in the evening in September.
- c. 3rd Annual Community Basketball Tournament – TBD – Once school gets started we will work with our school partners and youth members to finalize a date and create a planning committee.

10. Other Announcements: Kaitlin and Ofc. Flanigan announced the results of our tobacco compliance checks and discussed the need for more education for retailers about the upcoming change in the law, raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco/vaping products to 21.

11. Next Meeting: September 18