



Vernon Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Coalition
February 23, 2017 10:00am-11:00am
Rockville Public Library, 52 Union Street, Vernon, CT

Vernon Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council

APPROVED Minutes of Special Meeting

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Members present: Kaitlin Carafa, Robin Kohler, Laura Corliss, Officer Grechko, Lieutenant Meier, Steven Jackson, Michelle Hill, and Bryan Flint

Partnerships for Success (PFS) Updates:

- Kaitlin, PFS Grant Coordinator, reminded the Council that the Needs assessment for the Partnership for Success Grant is due to DHMAS on March 1, 2017
- Needs Assessment Workgroup recommendations:
 - Priority Substance:
 - Kaitlin presented recommendation from the PFS workgroup to focus on Prescription Drugs as the Priority substance to address. Members were in agreement of the recommendation.
 - Risk Factors:
 - Options for risk factors associated with prescription drug abuse were reviewed and discussed. Two risk factors were chosen to develop strategies around in an effort to reduce their influence on substance use. The risk factors chosen were **Family Norms** that encourage RX misuse/ Abuse, and **Social Access** (through peers, parties, and families.)
 - Logic Models:
 - Decisions were made based upon the belief that family and peers have the most influence on creating a culture of norms and acceptance around substance use.
- Next Step: Capacity Building:
 - The VDAPC is still looking for members to represent the sectors of the business community, parents, youth, and the faith community.
- Peer Advocate Position Update:
 - Kaitlin announced that Danielle Bifolck has accepted the Peer Advocate position and is in the process of being hired by the Village. Kaitlin also has a lead on a RHS student who may be interested in engaging in the work of PFS.
- Schedule & Location of Meetings:
 - Kaitlin is going to send a doodle poll out to the Council members to determine the best dates and times in order to create a meeting schedule.

Submitted by Michelle Hill