

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Warren County

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 2nd, 2021

Zoom Conference Call Meeting

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

In attendance: Kim Dooley, Amy Ciarlo, Vanessa Pence, Amanda Conn Starner, Julia Monnin, Ann Brock, Holly Smith, Kelly Pichotta, Vaniska Thomas, Matthew McLaughlin, Wendy Hyde, Zach McDaniel, Jackie Hunter, Tracy Funke, Shelley Brown, Steve Brady

Meeting called to order: 9:01 AM

I. Welcome/introductions – Kim Dooley

II. Coalition Insights – Amy Ciarlo and Vaniska Thomas – Reviewed November meeting minutes that were sent out via email prior to the meeting, asked if there were any changes to be made or questions. None were asked. Introduced and provided overview of executive committee. Vaniska discussed the financial report – reviewed coalition expenses for year 2 of the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant in November, including the coordinator’s salary, benefits, mileage reimbursement, supplies and materials costs, membership fees and SAPC advertisement costs.

III. Overview of Current Funding – Kim Dooley – Reviewed current funding sources, with year 2 of the DFC grant coming to a close and awaiting notice of award for year 3. The DFC grant is the current source of funds funding most of the coalition expenses.

IV. Tobacco Prevention Committee – Amy Ciarlo – The committee is in the process of scheduling meetings with the city managers and police chiefs in Lebanon and Mason to discuss the importance of tobacco prevention programming and Tobacco Retail License ordinances. In addition to these efforts, the committee is working to recruit youth advocates to provide testimony in front on city councils. Amy Ciarlo is coordinating with Steve Brady and the local 4H youth as a source of young people that would be willing to do this work.

Recap of the “Ditch the Vape” events: participating high schools included Franklin, Carlisle and Little Miami. Kings High School held a resource table during a lunch hour to promote vaping cessation among students. Also partnered with Sinclair Community College in Mason. There were no vapes voluntarily discarded; however, Franklin High School principal provided all current confiscated e-cigarettes.

Next meeting: Friday, December 17th at 9:30 via Zoom virtual meeting format.

V. Action Planning Committee – Kim Dooley – Results are in from the fall member survey that went out in September/October. The committee plans to present the results during the January meeting.

“Talk, They Hear You” commercials and Vaping Prevention PSAs are currently being run through NCM.

“Talk, They Hear You” billboard went up on State Route 48 in South Lebanon.

Nearly all fall school surveys have been administered – Bishop Fenwick is the last school awaiting to take the survey, which is scheduled for the week of December 6th. The coalition will receive results in spring 2022.

Next committee meeting: December 20th at 1:30 via Zoom virtual meeting format.

VI. Teen Alliance Council Updates – Holly Smith – Reported on the Youth Summit success at Rivers Crossing Church on November 19. While there were less youth involved in TAC this year to help with planning, the feedback shows that the activities were enjoyed by the youth that attended and the evaluations showed positive improvement in perceptions and learning objectives.

Next committee meeting: January 26th at 10:00 am – VFC conference room

VII. Presenter – PreventionFIRST! “Foreseeing Coalition Sustainability” – Amanda Conn Starner – Amanda provided overview of what sustainability means for long-term coalition success and viability, including the fact that it is a necessary step to develop a sustainability plan as part of the DFC grant. This is especially important to have in place as the DFC funding comes to an end. Amanda provided many different examples and strategies to secure funding and keep the coalition running.

VIII. Executive Committee Updates – Amy Ciarlo – The executive committee is currently picking back up on the Coalition Coordinator annual performance evaluation development. The process was started in late summer, however due to turnover in the executive committee at that time, the newly staffed executive committee will be working to finalize this evaluation process.

VIII. Event Updates – Kim Dooley – The coalition has no upcoming events at this time. Coalitions Rising, put on by Prevention Action Alliance, is a training series/conference in December.

Closing: Around the room – Matthew McLaughlin – introduced new veteran’s suicide prevention initiative around the Greater Dayton area, including Warren County.

Zach McDaniel, Talbert House – Looking for business owners with food licenses for new prevention project.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.

The next SAPC meeting is Thursday, January 6th, 2022 at 9:00 am via Zoom.