

Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Warren County

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022

Zoom Conference Call Meeting

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

In attendance: Katie Williams, Amy Ciarlo, Shelley Brown, Vaniska Thomas, Barry Riley, Steve Brady, Charlie Hartman, Sarah Cox, Megan Crouch, Amy Carlisle, Tracy Funke, Valerie Chiefari, Jennifer Landry, Matthew McLaughlin, Barbara Adams Marin, Tanya Cornett, Keenya Murray Ward, Kim Sellers, Amanda Conn Starner, Krista Foley

Meeting called to order: 9:00 AM

I. Welcome/introductions – Katie Williams

II. Coalition Insights – Katie Williams and Vaniska Thomas – Provided opportunity to review February meeting minutes – Amy Ciarlo announced that meeting minutes will also be available on the coalition website. No changes were requested. Introduced and provided overview of executive committee. Discussed the financial report – reviewed coalition expenses for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant, which included cell phone reimbursement expenses, SACP Coordinator salary, and impaired vision googles.

III. Tobacco Prevention Committee – Amy Ciarlo – Amy reported out on Tobacco Retail Licensing updates for each of the following localities: Mason, Deerfield Township, Lebanon, and Franklin. In Mason/Deerfield Township, Amy has coordinated meetings between the city managers, school staff and administrators, and also the MADE Chamber of Commerce President. A joint meeting is scheduled for April 14th to discuss proceeding to voting at City Council and among the Trustees. In Lebanon, Amy is continuing to recruit Lebanon youth advocates. The City Manager is ready to move forward in the process of drafting a policy. In Franklin, the Jr. High and High School principals provided a letter of support for the city to consider passing a TRL policy.

Amy is also working with the committee to develop a direct mailer campaign.

Next meeting: Friday, March 25th at 9:30 via Zoom virtual meeting format.

IV. Action Planning Committee – Katie Williams – The Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Grant progress report was submitted by Kim Dooley on February 12th through the grants management system. Currently, Kim is working on objectives for year 4 of the grant. Sustainability will be a huge focus for the coalition development in year 4.

The PRIDE school survey data is being released in March and meetings are being organized by PreventionFIRST! to review that data.

Next committee meeting: March 28th at 1:30 via Zoom virtual meeting format.

V. Teen Alliance Council Updates – Megan Crouch – Megan stated that she would cover updates related to this during the presentation.

Next committee meeting: March 18th at 9:00 am during the Warren County Connect meeting.

VI. Executive Committee Updates – Katie Williams – The Executive Committee has final round interviews scheduled with several candidates for the full-time SAPC Coordinator role. The committee is expecting that a candidate will be selected and offered the position within the next few weeks and hoping to start in early April.

Upcoming events include: Drug Take Back Day on April 30th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, and the FCFC Kinship Adoption Conference on March 26th at the Countryside YMCA from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Next committee meeting: Monday, March 28th at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

VII. Presenter – Megan Crouch – SAFE on Main: Stopping Abuse for Everyone – As many are now aware, The Abuse and Rape Crisis Center and the Violence Free Coalition underwent recent organization changes, including a new organization name change to bridge all the programs together under one name, which better reflects the services and programs provided. The organization is now called SAFE on Main (SAFE is an acronym for Stopping Abuse for Everyone). Megan Crouch, the Director of Prevention at SAFE on Main provided an overview of all the SAFE on Main programs, including the Teen Alliance Council, Coaching Boys into Men, the Empower program, the Power Plus 1-day, Power High School 5-day, Power 7th/8th Grade 4-day, Power-Up 6th Grade 3-day, an after-care program for clients, trauma-informed therapy, legal advocacy, and contact information/hotlines for the shelter for domestic abuse victims. There are numerous intervention services for the victims and their family members. Additionally, prevention projects include installation of storybook strolls throughout several parks in Warren County, podcasts, and the annual Youth Summit that occurs every fall.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony and open house will be on March 31st – contact Megan Crouch at mcrouch@safeonmain.org for more information.

Closing: Around the room – Jennifer Landry shared that registration is still open for the FCFC Kinship/Adoption Conference Event on March 26th. There are currently 12-13 individuals (8-9 families) expected in attendance for the event.

SAFE on Main annual Gala will be on April 28th at the Manor House in Mason. Roy Lutz will be one of the event speakers. Megan will share out information about tickets for purchase.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

The next SAPC meeting is Thursday, April 7th, 2022 at 9:00 am via Zoom.