



Northwest Corner Prevention Network
Monthly Coalition Meeting
May 18, 2022

Location: via Zoom

Call to Order: 10:30

In Attendance: Chelsea Kapitancek, Lynn Steinmayer, Jean Speck , Andrew Lyon , Samantha Hasenflue, Matt Andrulis Mette, Emma Hollis , Linda Ciano, Julia Merchant, Leonardo Ghio (10:48AM)

Old Business:

- **Member Survey** - 6 of 63 surveys answered, there will be a door prize of a \$25 Amazon gift card to participants who return the survey so please talk it up
- **Review of NCPN By-Laws** – a subcommittee will be formed to review and present the revised By-Laws to the Coalition. Matt stated that he would help Chelsea in the creation of the sub-committee.
- **Drug Take Back Day** - Saturday April 30 at Troop B - 46 pounds of medications and 17 interactions with the public

New Business:

- **Ideas for Committees** - please let us know if you or someone you know would like to participate in a short-term sub-committee to promote Education, Marketing, etc - this might be a great way to participate for those who cannot make it to the monthly meetings but still want to be a part of the group
- **Environmental Scan** - looking at local package stores and convenience stores regarding the following 4 P's: **price, product, promotion, and placement** of illicit substances. Are posters for alcohol the first thing you see as you enter the convenience store? Are legal age signs prominent? We will have a sheet that you can follow in your community to answer questions about the 4 P's. Then we would ask you to either enter this form in a Google Document or scan and send to us, whichever is easier. Emma stated that she might be able to get us an example of a scan and how it can be used in a community. Also we can check the licensure of establishments to make sure they are legally capable to sell the products they are promoting.
- **Marijuana Focus Groups**
 - **Recruitment** - we ask each member to reach out to the community to help us find people to be part of the focus group. Andrew stated that one way to get good groups is to go where people already are - i.e. does a

library already have a youth group? Do adults already participate in a PTO at the high school?

- **Questions to Ask** - Linda mentioned that we might somehow ask in the Focus Group about the Youth Council and how to best form it
- **Grant Fund Options**
 - **Project Graduation** - Julia asked to whom we need to speak about getting funds to Project Graduation. Matt stated that Steve Schibi has been the contact person before. Chelsea will reach out to Steve to clarify how the funds will be disbursed.
 - **Youth Council** - Julia stated that we have almost \$2000 that needs to be delivered by the end of June. Many points were discussed. The most salient seemed to be 2 options: a workshop with Adventure Recovery regarding Youth Leadership and a catered dinner for local stakeholders.
 - Some other points that may need to be followed up include but are not limited to the following: Survey for Youth to learn what they want and how they want it; contact New Milford Youth Agency to see if they have suggestions regarding building Youth Contact; cultivate School buy-in; possibly going to the COG (Council of Governments) to speak about regional buy-in regarding mental health / social service needs in the NW Corner.
 - Long term, NCPN aims to establish a youth program, but it was determined that the youth needs to be engaged first. Jean stated that the 3 private schools in Kent have new leadership that is very engaged in doing outreach, and that this would be a great place to start, aside from the Adventure Recovery half-day workshop already planned. Jean stated that she would assist in working toward establishing a Youth Council.

Adjournment: 11:35AM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 15, 2022- at 10:30AM (via Zoom)