

**COMMUNITY: Foster-Glocester, RI REPORTED BY: Donna Carlson**

**DATE OF MEETING: Dec 1, 2014 LOCATION: PHS**

**TIME BEGAN: 7:00 ADJOURNED: 8:15**

**PROJECTS DISCUSSED:**

**Coordinator Update: Lorraine discussed the former plan to place an article in the Foster Home Journal explaining the “Join the Majority” campaign.**

**This was agreed upon in last month’s meeting as a possible response to a complaint from the community whereby one person felt that the campaign was ineffective, because they had knowledge that “all the kids are smoking dope at that school.”**

**Lorraine discussed the plan with Carol McCullough with the Foster Journal and the marketing consultant to get a 2nd opinion before writing an article. Both provided feedback that a response was not necessary, and that we should just continue the campaign as it is. They felt that feeding the fire of one angry person could only serve to engage them in a negative relationship. The membership agreed to abandon the idea for an article based on this feedback. Additionally, Lorraine received a complaint from a community member about PHS fundraisers having wine tasting as a fundraising event for student programs. CAST responded to this same complaint about the same group in the past. Lorraine made a call and wrote a letter. She asked the membership for direction in regards to this recent concern. The membership felt that there was nothing new that could be done. CAST has no control over the choices of events that people use for**

**fundraising. They have no connection to CAST. No action is merited at this time. The RI Student Survey will not be administered during this school year. There were delays in coordinating the updates with the RI Dept. of Education. It is expected to be administered next Fall. The new PFS contract will soon be underway. There was a consensus of the group to propose that Lorraine reduce hours from the CAST grant to allow 10 hours toward PFS. She would work under the same rate as PFS for all grants. We would use the additional funds from Lorraine's position for consultant support to assist with administration. We will hire consultants through the PFS as needed and try to keep as much of the funds in the PFS grant going into the community, keeping administration costs low. There would be no other staff secured at this time. CAST could request changes from the funder if the need arises.**

**Police Update: Tyler visited Paine School. He meets the students in the morning to make connections. He also shows up at different times for security purposes. He reported that he has no jurisdiction in the Middle and High School. Gloucester Police Dept. would cover those schools.**

**No representative and no report from Gloucester police.**

**Youth Update: Lorraine reported that Lynne had a meeting with Y2Y and they are considering revisiting making suggestions to enhance the Police tip line. The members mentioned that a text line would be more effective in getting teens to report parties. Teens don't tend to**

**make calls, they text.**

**PHS is planning a Valentine's Day movie event. Becky and Lynne could not be at the meeting, Lorraine reported for both.**

**LifeSkills Grant Update- Lorraine is working with Counselors to set up the Student Success Center. The Center will assure more availability of the Counselors to the broader population of students. Lorraine continues to work to build capacity of Y2Y and will be working with Gary Martinelli, PHS staff person on a Hall of Honor, to honor community Veterans. Other Asset building work continues on schedule.**

**Social Marketing: Continuing on schedule. Ads are continuing to be placed. Partners N Prevention is building momentum.**

**Partners N Prevention: (MOU) Motion to approve the MOU from the PHS Guidance Dept. was made by Donna and second by Tyler. All in favor no discussion**

**New Contract-Partnership for Success:** The Fiduciary Agent has been out sick. Lorraine has been working with the funder and a consultant. The budget needs to be set up goals developed. The community assessment will be starting soon. No funds will go out until after an assessment and strategic plan is developed. The strategic plan will guide the effort. Lorraine just received some tools from the funder to begin the work.

**Capacity:** Lorraine reviewed and distributed the training material regarding the Strategic Planning Framework. She explained that this training material will be shared so that all members understand the process for the PFS grant and can explain the process to community members if asked. Reading assigned.

**MOTIONS/VOTES:** Vote to approve the PHS Guidance MOU for \$1000.00 was made. Consensus to make budget revisions see:  
Coordinator update  
Motion and approval to adjourn.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Agreed not to meet in January unless some urgent issue should arise