

MIDDLETOWN PREVENTION COALITION

MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2018

MIDDLETOWN TOWN CHAMBERS

1. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting began at 6:10pm.

• In attendance: Tom Lyons (Chair, Business), Jon Brett (Healthcare), Jake Cathers (Vice Chair/Parent), Kate Manning (Other Organization), Kristen Petrarca (Youth Serving), Pamela Martin (Military Liaison), Rick Lombardi (Governmental Liaison), Helen Sowinski (Civic/Volunteer), Kristen Petrarca (Youth Serving), Laurie Pauley (Faith), Dave Guerriero (Law Enforcement), Meghan Guild (Parent), Beatrice Casaula (Schools), Hannah Gibbison (Youth), Lori Verderosa (Coalition Coordinator), Jennifer Baldwin (DFC Grant Coordinator), Robin Riley (Other Org) and Siobahn Bogosian (Parent).

• Excused absence: Dennis Soares (School), Rick Lombardi (Governmental Liaison), Anne Schultz (Youth Serving), Jaegil Lee (Faith), Sherrill Warch (Grandparent), Jamie Lehane (Other Org), Linda Leonard (Schools).

• Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Meeting minutes from April 26th reviewed.

• Jon made a motion to approve minutes, Kate seconded, motion approved.

3. Financial Reports

- **RISAPA \$3600 to Worldways website developer.**
- **Life of an Athlete and post prom expenditures.**
- **End of general fund grant from town. All remaining funds will be zeroed out. New year starting July 1st.**

4. In the News

- **No updates.**

5. Executive Committee

- **Tom addressed the coalition on attendance and membership responsibilities.**

Members discussed frustrations with cancelled meetings, quorum issues, and unfilled sector. Need to look at our by-laws and ask if there is a work around for the quorum.

- **Nominating Committee met and a ballot was sent out.**

o Coalition members voted, results are:

 Tom Lyons, Chair

 Jake Cathers, Vice Chair

 Laurie Pauley, Secretary

6. Communication Workgroup

- **Jake development of new website, reviewed questionnaire from**

Worldways Media. Focus on maintaining website appealing to both an adult and a youth audience. They will partner with us to develop this website initially beginning with the adults. Will work towards getting youths involved in a focus group to help the design appeal to youth as well.

- **Next meeting is with Worldways to begin the design draft.**

7. Policy Workgroup

- **No updates.**

8. Needs Assessment workgroup

- **No updates.**

9. Military Outreach workgroup.

- **Ice Cream Social will be held in conjunction with Gaudet's new student orientation on Aug 29th. Frosty Freez is donating toppings and servers for the event.**

10. Islanders Committed.

- **Working tirelessly on recruiting. Summer Youth Leadership training opportunities have helped to attract new kids in. Taking 8 kids to Lake Placid for Life of an Athlete next week: 7 new, and 1 veteran student. Teachers at Gaudet nominated 22 7th graders to come onboard.**

11. Coordinators reports:

- **Printed reports provided, see your packets and review.**

12. Topic of the Month:

- **A summation of the Capacity Building Retreat held last month in Middletown. The goal was to have been to cover the main topics and prepare a “Next Steps” packet. Loss of Quorum has postponed this.**

13. Old Business

- **Needs Assessment Survey. Student Focus Groups completed grades 7-12. Key informant interviews in process. Parent focus group completed.**
- **Some troubling data points came out of 7th grade group. We will look at working more at Gaudet.**
- **High School data has improved.**

14. New Business:

- **Mental Health First Aid. Police Dept are doing law enforcement training. Jenn & Lori attending training.**
- **Sustainability retreat will be talked about next meeting.**
- **School Year kick off assemblies are being planned. Molly Kennedy will come to speak at them. Scheduled for 26 September Assembly.**
- **Farewells and Thank You's to Helen moving to California, and Hannah heading to Quinnipiac College, and Beatrice Casaula headed to Texas.**
- **Lori thanked everyone for their hard work this year.**

15. Adjournment:

- **Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.**

Next full Middletown Prevention Coalition committee meeting will be July 26th.