



Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
February 13, 2019
EHS Room 104
5:15-6:45 pm

Topic/Goal/ Strategies	Description/Action	Next Steps
Welcome and Minutes Review	<p><i>Present: Present: Ruth Ever, Albie Park, Cherry Sullivan, Shannon Hicks, Bri Eichstaedt, Jessica Hamilton, Maura Bernier, Stephen Linsky, Laurie Loisel</i></p> <p><i>Regrets: Kim O'Leary, Julie Ann Levin, Lois Levin.</i></p> <p><i>Minutes prepared by: Laurie Loisel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new members Bri, Maura and Jessica. • Volunteer logs filled out and did ice breaker about winter and what we are excited about/feel proud of regarding the coalition's work. • Approved Jan. minutes with minor addition of Laurie's name under the Regrets 	Ruth will fill in volunteer logs when she has time
Building Capacity	<p>1. Grant Updates * Changes at ONDCP mean DFCs will not be under SAMHSA auspices but will have an as yet unknown home within federal government. Grant specs not out yet, but when they are out, will have 60 days to return and it's expected that the RFP will not change a whole lot, which is good news.</p> <p>* Reviewed sector reps who have signed agreements with coalition last year. Most should be able to stay the same, except everyone agreed we should ask Kim O'Leary to be the Parent Rep. Maura agreed to be the Student rep; and the new director at E'ton Media needs to sign on as Media rep.</p> <p>2. Listening Sessions: Decided to have listening sessions with 10th and 12th graders. Dates likely will be March 7 and March 11 or 12. Ruth circulated recruiting flier. Recruiting and signups will happen after February vacation. Maura and Jessica will help and also hope to be part of listening circles. The sessions should produce data and feedback that will be very helpful to our grant application. Ruth is very pleased with the evaluator hired at a highly reasonable fee to work on this project.</p> <p>3. Skipped item about other work to do at EHS, was incorporated into #2 to some extent.</p>	<p>Ruth will ask Kim, and get Maura form to sign when the new grant comes out.</p> <p>Stephen will approach new director at E'ton Media; Ruth will get him a blank form to sign.</p> <p>Ruth will f/u with students for feedback and support in recruiting.</p>

4. House Parties: the second one held on Jan. 30 had low attendance, 5 people, due to weather, but discussion was good and Albie feels the model has great potential for parents to engage in conversations about their teenagers' attitudes around drugs, vaping, sex and other complex topics. All in all, house party initiative moving in the right direction. Albie and Kim plan to schedule a third one in March. Ruth will include information about house parties in grant.

5. Cannabis Updates: Stephen reported on the Jan. 22 meeting with Mayor LaChapelle to discuss best practices in terms of prevention, and how money derived from cannabis shops might help mitigate against normalization of marijuana use for teens. The meeting was positive, and focused on enforcement, compliance and education as well as how to fund prevention.

Stephen also reported on policy workgroup news. There will be two more marijuana shops opening up, one likely to be open later this year. Fully expect an on-site consumption place to open in city. At this meeting, they worked on the best practices handout and what to ask for from the Mayor for funding for the immediate future. If it is under \$10,000 the Mayor has discretion to allocate funds if/when they are available. No money has been allocated to prevention education in the city yet.

Coalition will move forward with plans to address City Council, Board of Health, School Committee, hopefully in March. This is opportunity to: update everyone on coalition status (explain further why we might have lost funding), what are best practices in cannabis and other drug prevention, what the city can do to ensure youth are protected as more retail shops open; keep prevention on the agenda and awareness of every stakeholder.

Bri shared draft BOH adult marijuana regs that BOH will consider. Ruth notes that the coalition can educate about the benefits of these regs at BOH as good practices for keeping cannabis out of hands of underage people because as we know, the best thing for drug prevention is strong policies that keep drugs out of the hands of teens.

Public Health Intern: Bri reports that a BU student who has a master's in public health and is in need of an internship to complete 240 hours of work by May will be working with her. She feels she can share this intern with coalition. Ruth will work with her to put her expertise to use in a variety of ways including possibly the EHS listening circles and other needs from the DFC grant process.

Future meeting dates: **March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, all at 5:15 pm at EHS.**

Ruth will reach out to Albie for help writing this into the grant. Kim/Albie planning next house party and how to expand it.

Ruth will continue to finalize "best practices for underage prevention" handout, and the presentations. Stephen offered to help, and Shannon, Jessica and Maura are willing to present. Ruth will also ask Cherry (left early) and Kim if they can help present.

Bri will see about putting us on March agenda. Ruth will look into others.

No action at this time on our part. But coalition members will be prepared to support this approach to the BOH.

Ruth and Bri will find a time to meet with intern asap.