



**Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
January 9, 2019
EHS, Room #104, 5:15-6:45 pm**

Topic/ Goal/ Strategies	Description/Action	Next Steps
Welcome and Minutes Review	<p><i>Present:</i> Stephen Linsky, Cherry Sullivan, Albie Park, Ruth Ever, Kim O’Leary, Lois Levin <i>Regrets:</i> Rick Rogalski, Tammy Kaleta, Julie Anne Levin, Shannon Hicks, Kendra Kuhn, Sue Welson, Laurie Loisel. <i>Minutes:</i> Ruth Ever</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. November minutes were approved. 2. Volunteer sheet was distributed and completed by EC members, Ruth will fill in actual sheets at office. 	Ruth will fill in sheets
Building Capacity & Preventing Underage Use	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DFC Grant Update <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We discussed the most effective steps we can take to ensure we have a strong application this year. Group agreement that collecting more data and involving youth more are both good strong ideas. Towards that end, next steps will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --find an evaluator who can run two youth focus groups in the next month. Ruth will reach out to our old evaluators at CES first, but we also generated other ideas: Public Health Institute of Western MA, Cherry’s grad student, some other individuals Ruth knows. --Create two stipend positions for high school youth to serve on the EC here and help do more youth outreach and engagement at the high school. 2. House Party <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kim shared that she started with an informal invite on facebook, had 5 people come, but for this second one scheduled on the 30th, she already has 11 people signed up! They had great dialogue and engagement. Not all were Easthampton residents, but all were parents. Topics ranged from vaping, drinking at parties, being parents of middle and high schoolers, texting and inappropriate texting issues, how to keep up as things change so fast with drugs and general fear that parents now carry about their teens dying from drug use, etc. Parents are exhausted and busy but they also want support and others to talk to. Albie talked about the phenomenon of collectively raising our children together in “naturally occurring” communities like sports families, theater related families, etc. How can we take advantage of this by creating a model of resource sharing, support and connection? 	<p>Ruth will follow up with Sue Cairn and reach out to others as needed. She will create a “job description” for youth members</p> <p>Albie and Kim will continue developing this model. Ruth will get resource materials to them to share.</p>

	<p>b. We all agreed this model is exciting and interesting and probably more engaging for participants than coalition meetings right now, so we will continue to support it but we need to expand it. We may need clarification from SAMHSA if this can count as a coalition meeting collectively, for purposes of our RFP grant (which requires minutes from meetings, but the EC meetings can fill that requirement).</p> <p>c. Other issues raised: can we intentionally gather certain groups (eg by profession) in a more focus group style format, but still a house party/social context, to allow them to talk, process and share ideas too. How broad and deep can this go? Could this be a model for youth to gather too? Could we pull in the high school parent engagement coordinator (Asher) to collaborate? What about grandparents or older adults too? Can we find people who have social clout within a network and get them to host?</p> <p>3. Nomination of Bri Eichstaedt to EC Everyone voted to support this, but we will get email confirmation from others to reach our quorum. She will be invited to next meeting.</p> <p>4. Report on Jan. 3 Policy Workgroup The newly reconstituted policy workgroup of 9 people met on Jan. 3 to discuss strategies for securing prevention dollars from the revenue generated by recreational cannabis sales and update us all on what's happening in Easthampton. Key points discussed: our understanding is that there are already 4-5 host agreements signed and potentially thousands of dollars are or will become available, but there has been no explicit money dedicated to prevention or education in the city; our local board of health can decide to create permits that would help to both pay for compliance checks and allow the BOH to designate others, like the police, as health agents to monitor establishments and there are model draft regs already created by the Mass Assoc of Bds of Health; how can we build partnerships with others to make sure we are best serving needs of young people, for example including social-emotional learning in the prevention work. We have meetings planned with Superintendent to make sure we are on same page, and then with Mayor.</p> <p>5. Strategic Planning Retreat No plans for specific strategic planning retreat at this time; it will come out of writing of RFP and our meetings now. Will be revisited in future.</p>	<p>Everyone should think about who they might be able to recruit to host or join one</p> <p>Ruth will email everyone for email approval of Bri.</p> <p>Stephen continues to chair this group.</p>
Next meetings	Next Meeting: Wed. Feb. 13 5:15-6:45 pm at EHS	