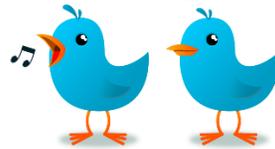




**Executive Committee Meeting
MINUTES
March 14, 2018
Easthampton High School Room #104
5:00-7:00 pm**



Topic/Goal/Strategies	Description/Action	Next steps
<p>Welcome and Minutes Review</p>	<p>February Executive Committee minutes were approved. January (Strategic Planning Retreat) minutes will be reviewed at the April meeting.</p> <p>Present: Albie Park, Rick Rogalski, Lois Levin, Stephen Linsky, Shannon Hicks, Corinne Briggs, Ruth Ever</p> <p>Regrets: Kendra Kuhn, Laurie Loisel, Cherry Sullivan, Sue Welson, Julie Anne Levin, Leah Finch, Tammy Kaleta, Minutes by: Corinne Briggs</p>	
<p>Building Capacity</p>	<p>1. Update on marijuana regulations in Easthampton, and from the Cannabis Control Commission. Coalition’s role, what youth prevention should look like and how the City can support it</p> <p>The Adult Use Cannabis regulations were filed before City Council last week. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 at which time the regulations may go to a final vote or the hearing may continue to the following week, on March 28. It is anticipated that a vote will happen by April 1, the date businesses may begin applying for retail licenses.</p> <p>City Planner, Jeff Bagg introduced himself at the last meeting. The Planning Board had drafted amendments to the zoning ordinance and then communicated the draft to the City Council Ordinance Subcommittee. The combined draft received final approval by the Planning Board and then members of City Council made additional changes.</p> <p>In the purpose section, there is no “health and safety language,” but based on what was said at the last meeting, it does sound like wording will be added. Additionally, the draft allows the following number of “retail only” storefronts: Yr. 1: 4 establishments; Yr. 2: 2 establishments; >Yr. 2: 3 more, with a total cap of 9 retail only storefronts. Note, these numbers do not include social consumption sites. The CCC put a moratorium on social consumption.</p> <p>On July 1st, adult use cannabis retail stores can open. A new waiver provision is included in the latest draft. The waiver is based on the state requirements, but gives the Planning Board more local control. There is no reference to enforcement, compliance checks or education. If an establishment obtains a permit, then they must engage in a</p>	<p>All: Attend 3/21 & 3/28 meetings if possible</p> <p>Ruth/Corinne: Pull together educational materials/best practices for City Council</p> <p>Ruth/Cherry/Shannon: Meet with mayor again</p> <p>Ruth: Set up meeting with Jeff Bagg to introduce Coalition</p>

	<p>Community Host Agreement. These Community Host Agreements may be an opportunity to build in educational requirements like brochures handed out with sales, etc.</p> <p>Coalition members may speak as sector reps at the City Council meetings and submit written testimony.</p> <p>2. Prioritizing topics for Courage in Parenting Series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaping • How to talk to your kids now that Adult Use Cannabis is Legal • Safe Storage, tying in alcohol and gun safety (follow-up campaign to the Parents Check-In campaign with questions to ask other parents, and possibly a pledge agreement) <p>The Coalition needs to focus on education. Perhaps we should have an open meeting, with skilled facilitators, focused on the teen brain and whether zoning buffers matter, etc. Or we may want to consider hosting a café focused on parenting now that adult use cannabis is legal, and INSA is open, and retail shops are applying for their licenses.</p> <p>Asher Hamilton is organizing a Parenting Café on April 26 at 6:00pm. The topic is micro-aggressions and how parents can support their children in heated situations. Asher has invited the Coalition to present on stress in children, what parents should do/beware of when children seem stressed out (20 min with handouts). Shannon Hicks has volunteered to speak with Asher about this opportunity to present.</p> <p>3. Marijuana Info Card for stores update</p> <p>Mark, from INSA had previously invited the Executive Committee to tour the facility. Their new Springfield facility is opening soon, so we will likely schedule a tour in April.</p> <p>4. Compliance Checks: Volunteer chaperone needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer hour logs will be distributed at April meeting <p>5. End of year activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prom and Graduation Nights, <i>Parents Who Host, Lose The Most</i> campaign ideas: The all night grad party will not be held this year. Kevin and Rick may host a prom/graduation assembly at EHS. We may need to order new lawn signs. We will place campaign material in the E-Newsletter, in the school email blast and hope to place stickers on pizza boxes again this year at Village Pizza and Antonio's. Should we consider branching out to Adamos or Papa George? We could also host a simple campaign on Facebook relating to the <i>Parents Who Host, Lose the Most</i> campaign with parents holding a whiteboard sign "I support..." or "here's how I keep youth safe..." • "Talk. They Hear You" update, webinar on April 3 at 2:00 pm: We were invited to present on SAMHSA's "Talk. They Hear You" national webinar. This is only their second webinar of this kind. 	<p>Stephen: Plans to submit a letter to City Council</p> <p>Ruth/Corinne: Begin working on next workshop</p> <p>Corinne: Will connect Asher and Shannon</p> <p>Ruth/Corinne/EC member: Incorporate final changes, visit shops for feedback, get printing quote from Susan L.</p> <p>Ruth: Have INSA review Marijuana Rack Card</p> <p>Corinne: Inventory PWHLTM materials</p>
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Ruth and Susan Lapointe will present on the work done locally by the Coalition and how we successfully regionalized the campaign.

6. DFC Grant – internal deadline March 16; Grant due March 29

- Review draft
- Obtain signatures for the Coalition Involvement Agreements from EC
- Update on other CIAs

The Grant is still a work in progress. Ruth met with Gail Gramarossa earlier today to discuss the grant.

Ruth had a great phone meeting with Robin Bialecki, Executive Director at the Easthampton Community Center. Robin will sign on as the Civic/Volunteer Sector rep on the DFC grant and has offered to have us place fliers in the food bags that are distributed weekly. 500 bags are distributed, but only 300 copies would be needed due to multiple bags going to a single family. We are excited about having more collaboration with the ECC.

7. SFP 10-14 Facilitator Training

Gail Gramarossa has organized a 3-day SFP10-14 Facilitator Training in Ware. Ruth will co-lead this training with a master trainer from New Jersey. The Coalition will be paid \$1,800 which will go to the Discretionary Fund. 15 people (including Corinne) have signed up, but no others from Easthampton.

Next meetings:

April 18, EHS Rm. #104, 5:00 – 7:00 pm (school vacation week)

May 16, EHS Rm. #104, 5:00 – 7:00 pm