



Easthampton Healthy Youth Coalition Gathering
MINUTES
November 29, 2017
Easthampton High School 3rd floor
5:30-7:30 pm

Topic/Goal/Strategies	Description/Action	Next steps by whom
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet and greet with dinner 	
Prevention Needs Assessment Survey Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Ever presented on the 2017 Easthampton data from the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey and the changing landscape of youth drug and alcohol use in Easthampton • A copy of the presentation will be available at EasthamptonCoalition.org 	<p>Corinne: post presentation to EHYC website once final approval by Nancy F.</p>
Lessons Learned from Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skype presentation by Jo McGuire, who serves on the board of directors for the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry Association and co-chairs the organization's Marijuana Outreach Committee and was appointed in 2013 to serve on the Colorado Governor's Task Force to recommend legislative frameworks for marijuana regulation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current areas of concern relating to retail marijuana in Colorado include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall impact on public health/safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How best to protect youth and the impact of marijuana on the teen brain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Denver the youth use rate is greater than the national average <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Healthy Kids Colorado survey did not include 5 of the largest school districts • Youth marketing and kid-friendly products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accidental ingestion by kids • Increase in traffic fatalities (especially between 18-24 years) • Greater property crime • Cartridges can easily be dropped into e-cigs so there is greater public use ▪ Parent and Youth Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home grows and safe storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "Lock it up" campaign • Currently there is no proven curriculum, but Jo will send some links 	<p>Ruth: Look at CLEAR Alliance which provides educational tools and a curriculum that are cited and sourced with evidence and science-based research. More info at http://www.clearalliance.org/</p> <p>Ruth: Follow-up with Jo</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some pregnant woman are using marijuana to ease nausea and as a result some newborns are testing positive for THC • First-time or uneducated users and potency of butane infused products • Vape pens are prevalent in middle schools ▪ The Gray Market and home delivery: “Gifting” on Craigslist is undermining tax revenue ▪ Changing landscape <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poorer neighborhoods have disproportionately more retail shops • Environmental impact and dump sites 	<p>regarding links for related curriculum (Heidi Heilman has videos for youth etc.)</p>
<p>Retail marijuana in Easthampton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessica Allan, City Planner from the Easthampton Planning Department provided an update on the current draft regulations for recreational marijuana in Easthampton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Easthampton regulations will be presented to City Council by the end of December 2017. There will then be a public hearing with the Ordinance Subcommittee and Planning Department. When the regulations go to vote in 2018, the regulations must pass by a 2/3 majority vote at City Council ○ The Cannabis Control Commission is also drafting regulations which address potency, packaging, edibles, etc. The Planning Board is working off the law and will expand the state regulations to address such things as onsite consumption. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Onsite consumption is a controversial topic which needs greater clarification. Does it need to be a ballot initiative by the voters or will it be just permitted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BYOP (bring your own pot) likely cannot happen with the way the law is currently written ○ Draft regulations currently allow for up to 12 retail marijuana businesses (not including cultivation). The state will allow 20% of the number of alcohol businesses. Easthampton has 8 package stores, which means there can be as few as 2 retail marijuana businesses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Types of uses allowed include the industrial zone, Fort Hill Road, the mill buildings, downtown and Northampton Street ▪ Retail businesses will not be allowed in other residential areas ▪ The law restricts marijuana retail stores from standing within 500ft from any school or church. The draft regulations have amended this to 200ft. The buffer between marijuana businesses has not yet been determined. ○ On April 15, 2018, retail marijuana businesses may begin filing for licenses 	<p>Ruth & Corinne: will work to increase advance notice of Planning Board and City Council mtgs to help keep comm members informed</p> <p>All: If unable to attend a Planning Board meeting, submit a letter to Jessica so that she may read it and put it on record at the next meeting allanj@easthampton.org</p>

<p>Coalition Work/Next steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruth highlighted Coalition work in 2017 relating to community, parents and youth in Easthampton<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A copy of the presentation will be available at EasthamptonCoalition.org○ The parent engagement group will be meeting in the near future to focus on parent cafes, media campaigns, family education programs, etc. All are welcome. • The Coalition needs to focus more work on a trauma informed community<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ask kids “What drug do you wish your parents did less of?”○ Clinical & Support Options (CSO) grant promotes trauma informed communities	<p>Ruth & Corinne: The Coalition will continue to organize community events and workshops that support our strategic plan</p>
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