

This AYHSC Monthly Meeting was held on April 6th, 2017 at 5:35 pm at the Senior Center Ground Floor Conference Room.

Staff Present: Ivy Laplante

Members Present: Lainey Woods, Carlene Newell, Cooper Schoenthaler, Julie Powers, Kerry Austin Smith, Max Bonanno, Austin Hall, Olivia Romvos, Ellie Egan, Pat Egan, Cindy Bouvier, Steve Porciello, Cindy Starks, Karen Einstein, Jessica Winstanley

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Introductions, Accept Minutes of the March Meeting</p>	<p>Student Advisors and community members all introduced themselves and shared their respective roles in the Arlington community. Cooper moved to approve the March meeting minutes, Carlene seconded. All present approved the March meeting minutes.</p>	<p>Ivy will publish March minutes on town website.</p>
<p>Student Coalition Updates</p>	<p>Pizza Box Social Host Campaign: Cooper designed an image to post on pizza boxes in Arlington with statistic “71% of students in Arlington did NOT attend a party where alcohol use was allowed.)</p> <p>AHS Student Texts: Julie is managing this project to send daily messages of affirmation with AHS Student Council. 100 people have signed up so far, and 5 messages have gone out so far.</p> <p>AC updates: Students met to discuss ways to support healthy decision making of students who were caught using substances, upon reentry into school after suspension.</p> <p>AHS Mental Health Day: 12th grade students enjoyed break-out sessions and keynote on Body Image. One 10th grade student thought that the underclassmen keynote speaker was condescending. The title of the marijuana discussion (The Blunt Truth) attracted many students. Overall successful day.</p>	<p>Cooper will edit design and contact pizza places to distribute.</p> <p>Ivy will contact Christy Kiernan about training AC staff in SBIRT or Motivational Interviewing.</p>
<p>SAP-C Grant Updates</p>	<p>SAPC Cluster plans to go to the State House on April 13th to advocate for stronger alcohol policies. Julie, Cooper and Megan are attending with Ivy and Karen. Dress code is business</p>	<p>Ivy will discuss “ask” during meeting with SAPC cluster on 4/11.</p>

	professional. Pat Egan suggested presenting a specific “ask” of legislators following the meeting (i.e. secure funding for a specific program, or promote specific law/policy).	
Project Updates	Dodge Ball Tournament: 180 OMS students and faculty participated in OCAP’s first ever dodgeball tournament. Prevention messages were woven throughout the competition and all had fun and learned importance of making healthy choices.	
Policy Updates	AYHSC staff is meeting with AHS administration to strengthen substance use policies at AHS regarding tobacco violations, marijuana use, and student suspensions.	Ivy will provide update at May meeting.
Comprehensive Strategy Planning	<p>Youth marijuana use - The group discussed strategies to increase the perception of harm (of youth) using marijuana in light of a medical marijuana dispensary in Arlington in the near future.</p> <p><i>Providing Information:</i> educate students and parents on difference between medical and recreational marijuana (focus on impact of youth use); host a professional development day for teachers to spread information about how to teach marijuana prevention; educate dispensary distributors on importance of preventing youth use</p> <p><i>Providing Support:</i> create youth group similar to Club 84 about fighting “Big Marijuana”</p> <p><i>Enhancing Skills:</i> train teachers, guidance counselors and staff on SBIRT to better refer addicted youth to treatment</p> <p><i>Enhance Access/Barriers:</i> learn from other local communities (i.e. Brookline) what they are doing to prevent youth use</p> <p><i>Change Physical Design:</i> Check on security of dispensary building to prevent break-ins or diversion of product</p>	

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

The next Coalition meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at 5:30pm in the Whittemore Robbins House.