



Arlington Youth Health and Safety Coalition January Minutes

Date: *January 3, 2019*

Time: *5:30-7 pm*

Location: *Whittemore Robbins House*

Attendance: *Colleen Leger, Rebecca Tsopelas, Kerry Austin-Smith, Sarah Augood, Steve Porciello, Kelli Keck, Ellie Egan, Claire Egan, Pat Egan, Cindy Bouvier, Carlene Newell, Karen Koretsky, Sagar Desai*

Minutes

- 1. Introductions.*
- 2. Accept December 2018 meeting minutes, Carlene motioned to approve, Ellie seconded, all approved the December 2018 meeting minutes.*
- 3. Student Advisor Updates: Students are participating in an environmental scan documenting with photos and collecting data about small alcohol container litter of "nips" in areas where teens gather. Students are interested in working with Ottoson Middle School students on vaping prevention. The 84 students and Coalition student advisors have merged their two clubs into one.*
- 4. Parent Updates: Parents are working on a Parent website, have recruited additional members and talking about creating some videos and other community outreach.*
- 5. School Resource Officer noted that while vaping remains a problem at AHS there is less violence and other drug use this year.*
- 6. Developing a logic model to address vaping among youth in the community. Kelli Keck, our evaluator for our grant gave a presentation on developing a logic model. The attendees separated into three groups and each brainstormed on paper to identify the root causes of why teens are vaping.*
- 7. The following root causes were identified: Inconsistent school and community consequences, Easily Concealed, Low Perception of Harm, Social Acceptance & Access. Out of these 5 root causes it was decided that the ones that the Coalition could work on in the community were: Consequences, Social Acceptance, Perception of Harm and Access.*
- 8. During January, the Coalition Coordinator will complete the environmental scan of vape retailers in the community and report back about access.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 *pm*.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2019.