



Arlington Youth Health and Safety Coalition November Minutes

Date: November 5th, 2020

Time: 5:30- 6:30pm

Location: *Virtual (via Zoom)*

Staff Present: Karen Koretsky

Attendance: Carlene Newell, Max Ballerini, Sarah Augood, Doug Grant, Maya Jacob, Bryan White, Cindy Bouvier, Kerry Austin-Smith, Joe Curro

Minutes

Attendees reviewed the October meeting minutes. Sarah moved to approve, Carlene seconded, all approved the October meeting minutes.

1. Committee Updates:

- *Students- Wellness Day is in December and AYHSC students have been asked by Ms Razzi to participate.*
- *AHS(Arlington High) students have been approved to mentor middle school students in a peer support group at OMS-Cindy B to find an adult advisor.*
- *Ideas for activities with OMS: Start with games/fun activities and have small conversations about prevention and mental health well being.*
- *Carlene will provide the names of students who participated in the calendar contest at OMS as potential recruits.*
- *AHS needs a new Faculty advisor for the Prevention Allies Club. . Karen will reach out to Kaeli Jo*
- *Karen spoke about the recent vote in Oregon to decriminalize possession of small quantities of drugs and the impact this may have on public health and reducing incarcerations of those struggling from the disease of addiction.*

Max Ballerini-ACHS(Arlington Catholic) Reports that the newsflash was successful last year at ACHS. Can we do something similar with the Instagram Account?

Carlene asked about potential activities for the Great American Smoke out in mid-November.

Guiding Good Choices will start in January.

Joe Curro reported on the recent request for retail marijuana establishments in Arlington. Two applied and both were voted down. One of the applications was voted down for zoning complications. The other was voted down, because the Board had other concerns about the proposed location.

Symmes Circle continues to be a concern to police for large youth gatherings.

- 2. Upcoming Community Events of Interest:
Michael Thompson on December 2nd.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 3rd, 2020 at 5:30pm.