



CHEC MEETING

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 4:00 – 5:00PM via Zoom

Call to Order, Kerri B.

Welcome, Introductions – K. Barella, T. Giordano, G. LaChance, J. Gasper, A. Gilbert, D. White, D. Briere, N. Aniolek, P. Bryzgel, R. Picone, S. Stolfi, E. Cintorino, C. Mader and C.A. Bell.

AHM Updates – Tressa

AHM Youth Board Member – 3 open positions

Fundraiser event was held recently at Gina Marie's Restaurant. Raised close to \$6000 which will go into mental health services and programming. Health Matters programs are currently running. The theater program is filled. Encouraged members to check the Prevention and Facebook pages for the Ana Gopian program that shows how/where paraphernalia was found in local towns. The Here for You Mental Health Library has been installed in Marlborough and Andover. Columbia and Hebron have not chosen a location but will do so soon.

Old Business

- Youth Voices Count Survey – Tressa
Bonnie, Alyssa and Tressa will be presenting the survey to the Board of Education.
- Making Our Communities Smoke-free Update – Jenn
Jenn displayed the "Just Breathe" lawn signs. They will be put up in the Burnt Hill, Veterans and Old Colchester Road Parks. She will also discuss the signs with Marlborough and Andover in order to have something similar in all towns.
- CHEC Promotion Items – Jenn
Sweatshirts (hoodies) and hats have been ordered to get the coalition's name out.
- Marlborough Health & Safety Day/Today I Matter Poster Project – Jenn
Tabled
- Possibility of a public forum / legalization of marijuana and retail establishment - Tressa
No new information

New Business

- SOAR update – Jenn
Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. At the September meeting they discussed leadership rolls, the Take Back event, Youth Voices Count survey and the Social Norms campaigns which will be done in November. They plan to prepare video-taped reports for upcoming CHEC meetings.
- Opportunities at RHAM Campus – Jenn
It was good to be in person at RHAM for open house and the activities fair this year.
- National Take Back Event - Saturday, October 29 from 10-2:00PM at RHAM High School
Link to sign up!
Saturday October 29th from 10:00 – 2:00 pm. There is a link in the agenda to sign up for a shift. It was noted that there could be interest in pharmacy students from UCONN.
- Cocoa With a Cop – Winter
K. Barella suggested thinking of ways to increase engagement. J. Boehler looking into different locations to host the event. T. Giordano noted AHM might be able to host. A drive-through event was also mentioned.
- AHM Project Graduation – Fundraiser!
The sale of simply soy candles is the current fundraiser. Project graduation will earn 30% of total sales. This is posted on Facebook and members were asked to share the link with others.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 PM.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

D. Pearson