

CHEC MEETING

Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 4:00 – 5:00PM via Zoom

Call to Order – K. Barella

K. Barella called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Welcome & Introductions – Present: T. Giordano, J. Boehler, K. Barella, Ashley Parks, Bonnie Smith, Nancy Aniolek and C. A. Bell.

AHM Updates – T. Giordano

- Moving through the expansion process for Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. A Mentoring Coordinator was offered a position.
- Tap into Nature Event will be held during Maple Fest. AHM will also participate in the tractor parade. Looking for volunteers.

SOAR Youth Leadership Group Video Update: Rosalee K.

Jenn reported video updates were sent to all members. Jenn summarized - the group planned their events for rest of the year. The owner of the Flour Girl Café will attend in March. A Game Day and End-of-Year Celebration will be held in April.

Jenn reported her last day in the role of Prevention Coordinator will be March 21st. Ashley Parks has accepted the position. K. Barella thanked Jenn for her time as the Prevention Coordinator.

Old Business – J. Boehler

- **AHM CHEC Member January Survey Results – Bonnie Weyland and Team**
Bonnie Weyland reported she received 8 responses from CHEC members. A power point was sent to all members. The data will be used when AHM applies for additional funding for drug free communities.
- **DFC Grant Extension - Tressa**
T. Giordano reported information was prepared and submitted to CADCA.
- **Screenagers – Next Chapter – at AHM 3/12/2024**
Scheduled for Tuesday at 6:30 PM at AHM.
- **Progress Update: Kids vs Cops Basketball at RHAM High School 4/19/24**
The basketball game will be held at RHAM High School. There are seven troopers committed to forming a team. “Hidden in Plain Site” will be there as well.

- **Town of Hebron Green Committee Grant – Spring Clean-up Walk and Nip Education 4/20/2024**

Scheduled for 10am – 1pm on April 20th. A dumpster will be available at town hall for trash. Youth and adults volunteers will be assigned areas. Ana Gopian (The Paraphernalia Project) will also be participating.

- **Take Back Event – RHAM High School 4/27/2024, 10am – 2:00pm**

Jenn reported they will be able to collect aerosols and sharps at the event.

- **Panel Discussion: Updated to Q & A with Experts/Risks and Consequences of Youth MJ Use**

A panel discussion was held February 20th. Had a pediatric doctor from Yale, probation officer, school psychologist, member of Governors' Prevention Partnership and T. Giordano. Discussed side effects of marijuana, mental health and marijuana use and laws/how they've changed. 45-minute video is located on the AHM CHEC webpage.

- **"Just Breath" Signage for the RHAM Campus**

Working on signs for the RHAM campus. Would like to have Andover participate.

- **Narcan**

Bags/Pouches

Bags/pouches should be available for the April training.

QPR and Narcan Training, free and for those 18+ at AHM

Monday 2/26/24 from 5:30 – 6:45 pm

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New Business – J. Boehler

- **Internet and Phone App Safety Presentation**

Discussed how to encourage parents to attend presentations. Ideas: Tie to school events, provide a video that can be watched at a convenient time, present to parents of Elementary School aged children.

- **AHM Project Graduation for RHAM High School**

Friday June 14th at Revolutions.

Tressa thanked Jen Boehler for her work as Prevention Coordinator at AHM.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Pearson