

## **East Hampton Prevention Partnership Agenda** **(Hybrid Mtg. @ Town Hall at 3:30 on 4/18/23)**

**Attendance:** Courtney Fitzkee, Emily Melnick, Julianna Korczak, Barbara Moore, Roxanne Dombrowski, Gabby Wiesner, Deb Field, Keri Blanda, Adele Cyr, Jackie Russell, Russell Melmed, Lauren Incognito, Irene Kuck

1. Welcome – no introductions needed
2. Minutes – by Irene
3. Updates:
  - a) Courtney announced her resignation effective May 5<sup>th</sup>. She will be going to work as Prevention Program Manager at Rushford in Meriden. She will still remain in Region 2, and be responsible for Meriden and Middletown in particular.
  - b) School surveys set for May 15<sup>th</sup> at EHHS & EHMS. Survey Monkey link and instruction script to be provided for staff administering the survey. Opt out process will be communicated by principals Eric and Christina. In the past, we have made the full survey available for parental review on a request basis only.
  - c) Roxanne shared Department of Public Health is conducting compliance checks for tobacco and vaping sales. East Hampton has a 22% failure rate which is the same as the CT average. Compliance checks don't ticket, only Police can do that often on the 2<sup>nd</sup> check/violation.
  - d) Vaping Focus group scheduled for Tues. 4/18. 20-22 students are signed up to participate. This will help provide qualitative data for the coalition. Students were recruited via Facebook flyers, principal Newsletters, and flyers in the schools. Of particular interest would be regarding Fake IDs and how prevalent are they, also major concerns are the combination of marijuana and vaping.
  - e) Drug Take Back day is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Staffing is all set.
  - f) Ambulance/Fire Department Open House April 29<sup>th</sup>. Narcan resources, Courtney will be attending, hopes that she can get the Harm Reduction Van there or at least some of their Flyers/Postcards.
4. DFC Grant updates:
  - a) Wellness day at the HS on March 24<sup>th</sup> was very well received. John Morello the Speaker really connected with students, although he went over his time, and students' attention waned towards the end. Activities were shortened a bit because of this, but the entire day was very well attended.
5. Bring Change to Mind Club (BCTM) recently had a trip to NYC for a BCTM Summit, along with Branford, CT and Long Island and NJ groups. They had breakout groups for students – how can students help themselves, as well as Advisors groups. The consensus was that other schools are facing the same issues.
6. HS/MS updates none
7. AWP update none
8. Old Business: Discussed Lawn signs – redesign of Social Hosting Awareness Sign

9. New Business:

- \* Keri shared that the Library movie license will be sponsored with funding by the EHPP.

- \* Discussed table at old home day. July 6, 7, and 8<sup>th</sup> Theme this year is 100 Year anniversary of Fire department. Students discussed having a float

- \* Russ Melmed shared that Colchester P&Z is considering Westchester Marketplace plaza as a Cannabis Retail spot. Mentioning it, as it is in close proximity to East Hampton Town line. With particular concerns of that plaza being used as a youth camp bus pick-up and drop-off area. He will attend meeting as resident. As towns are moving forward with legal cannabis retail establishments, Russ would welcome the opportunity to be invited to Town Council meetings to educate on substance misuse policy issues, from a public health perspective.

Next meeting May 16<sup>th</sup>. Hybrid meetings to continue, possibly facilitated by Roxanne, who will be stepping up to take on additional responsibilities now and over the summer after Courtney's resignation, until a new Prevention Coordinator is hired.

Approval of last month's minutes: motion by Barbara Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Field. Motion passed with one abstention.