**STEUBEN PREVENTION COALITION STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 26, 2019

**Members Present:** Joe Rumsey, Jim Bassage, Kyle King, Lisa Oliver, Mark Recktenwald, Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Colleen Banik, Jerry Bennett, Jesse Harper and Mike Foster

1. **Introductions/Welcome**:

* Joe Rumsey welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made around the room.

1. **October Meeting:**

* Approval of the February 26, 2019 minutes was made following a motion made by Mark Recktenwald and seconded by Mike Foster.

1. **Budget Update**

* No DFC Budget Update was available at this time. Jim Bassage reported on the sustainability budget set forth in Catholic Charities of Steuben and Steuben County Funding.

1. **Coalition Update:**

* **DFC Grant Application Update**

Colleen Banik gave a brief update on the upcoming DFC Grant Application for 2019. The 2019 application remains unreleased. We will have 60 days from release of the application to submit. The Action Plan and Narrative are in the process of being completed and reviewed by the grant committee and Epiphany Community Services.

**Action Item:** Colleen Banik to circulate the Action Plan and the Grant Narrative to the Steering Committee for review upon completion by the grant committee.

* **Youth Action Forum**

A discussion was held relative to the sponsorship efforts for the 2019 Youth Action Forum to be held on September 24, 2019. It was reported that Stephanie Gerych had negotiated a reduce speaker fee now of $3,000 instead of $3,900 and will be looking into a reduction in the deposit requirement from $1,500 to $500. A request for sponsorship funding was sent out in the March Coalition newsletter, and a request to the full Coalition with an official sample letter and description of the event was sent out. An application for the Community Foundation Mini Grant will be made as soon as possible.

**Action Item:** Mike Foster indicated that he would approach Corning Rotary for a sponsorship to Youth Action Forum.

**Action Item:** Colleen Banik will re-circulate the formal request information.

1. **Task Force Updates:**

* **UAD Task Force**

Jim Bassage gave a brief overview of activities and programs being worked on by the UAD Task Force covering the TIPS for the Toolbox parent series, the Alcohol Poster Contest, the Sticker Shock Program and Environmental Scans.

**Action Item:** Jerry Bennett will send sample postcard/table tents to Jim Bassage.

**Action Item:** Colleen Banik will re-circulate the 2019 TIPS for the Tool Box series to the school districts with a request that they be put up on the individual websites.

**Action Item:** Jim Bassage will re-circulate the Alcohol Poster Contest flyer.

Colleen Banik reported that we have received the SAMHSA Underage Drinking Town Hall Meeting stipend award in the amount of $750. A Town Hall meeting is being planned for the Fall of 2019. Joe Rumsey suggested that we look at the same date as the Youth Action Forum and coordinate to see if the YAF speaker would also be available.

* **Marijuana Task Force**

Mike Foster gave a brief overview of activities and programs being worked on by the MJ Task Force covering the CADY Big Marijuana Kit. A potential flyer was circulated for review and Mike Foster discussed placing this flyer in churches and libraries. Discussion was again held to have the Task Force set up a meeting with our elected officials and the Task Force to discuss the legalization of recreational marijuana. A further discussion was held indicating that we need to find out what the breakout is in our area for pros vs. cons relative to legalization of marijuana and the economic value to our communities.

Jerry Bennett reported that there will be a Networking Workshop on May 17, 2019 by the Prevention Resource Center on the marijuana debate and how to approach County, State and local legislators on the issue.

Further discussion was led by Joe Rumsey indicating that the Coalition and Marijuana Task Force need to utilize the Youth Action Forum students to speak out on the need to oppose marijuana use and legalization.

Kyle King indicated that a good place to obtain information relative to marijuana is the Smart Approaches to Marijuana website at <http://www.sam-ny.org/>

**Action Item:** Jerry Bennett to get the pulse from other Prevention Resource Centers on what they are hearing relative to the legalization of recreational marijuana.

**Action Item:** The Marijuana Task Force will put together a presentation that the committee and/or full coalition can present to our local businesses.

**Action Item:** The Marijuana Task Force will do a 10 month map out for school districts to roll out the Big Marijuana media campaign.

**Action Item:** Colleen Banik to provide Jesse Harper’s contact information to Mike Foster.

**Action Item:** Mark Recktenwald indicated that he has the contact information for a speaker on the marijuana issue and will get that information to the group.

**Action Item:** Colleen Banik will prepare a Data Outcomes slide for Marijuana in the same fashion as the one provided for the Alcohol Data Outcomes based on information obtained from the 2017 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey and the 2018 Adult Perception Survey.

1. **Other:**

* + Colleen Banik reported that the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey will be held in the Fall of 2019.
  + Colleen Banik reported that the DITEP Training will continue in July of 2019.

**Action Item:** Mark Recktenwald will follow up on official request made of Alfred State College for assistance in financing materials for the DITEP Training in the amount of $1,000.

1. **Motion to Adjourn:**

* With no further items of discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jesse Harper and seconded by Mark Recktenwald. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting: April 23, 2019 from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at 115 Liberty Street, Bath, NY.**

***Our Mission:*** *To promote healthy and safe communities in Steuben County by reducing alcohol and drug use among youth.*

***Our Vision:*** *To have a county where the youth are healthy and drug free.*