



Coalition Meeting
Feb 16, 2021

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Summary

Attendance: July Taylor, Peder Johanson, Stephanie Pinnow, Katie Weber, Jen Wichita, Chief Hughes, Jay Williams, Sabrina Meichtry, [Cynthia Villavicencio](#), [Megan Altfillisch](#), [Kathy Comeau](#)

Apologies: Bridget Craker, Hannah McMunn

- Peder lead the welcome and introductions
- Consent Agenda included the Budget summary for the DFC grant and STOP Act grant, general funds, and a Match update. The staff report detailed the work completed during the past month. A summary from the previous meeting was included. Katie motioned to approve the consent agenda. Peder seconded the motion. The board approved. There was no discussion.
- Review of Bylaws: The bylaws were reviewed. The board structure and board member roles and responsibilities were discussed. Due to a few people stepping down from the board, we do not have 11 board members. Stephanie made a motion to draft a change to the bylaws that phrased it as 'up to 11 board members'. Peder seconded the motion. It was discussed that since the bylaws stipulate that any changes to the bylaws need to be submitted 10 days prior to the meeting, this change will be voted on at the next meeting. Kathy will mark the change in red in the document for people to review and vote on at the next meeting.
Currently the executive committee included: Julie Taylor, Chair; Peder Johanson, Vice Chair; Stephanie Pinnow, Treasurer.
Board members at large include: Katie Weber, Jen Wichita, Chief Hughes.
Current members on the board are still within their term limits

We invited partners to consider becoming board members. Partners include: Jay Williams, Rock Co. Sheriff's Office, Aaron King, Crime Stoppers Officer, Bridget Craker, Public Health Educator, and Hannah McMunn, UW EX Wellness Educator.

We encourage anyone interested in becoming a board member to submit the application that was included in the meeting packet emailed prior to the meeting.

Suggestions for coalition members included Green County school counselors, and Kristen Novy. Sabrina said she would invite Kristen to the next meeting.

Julie suggested that we put an invitation to join the coalition in the newspaper annually.

Jen suggested using the infographic we created last year.

Katie suggested reaching out to the Green County Human Services AODA Dept and also suggested Stephanie Butts, since part of our mission is to address dating violence. Katie suggested reaching out to Krista Bethke at SARP. Megan said that she would contact SARP.

- Review of Community Survey Data: The data from the community survey was reviewed. Both [Jay Williams](#) and Chris Hughes said this past year compliance checks were not done due to many of the businesses being closed because of COVID. It was thought that house parties and OWIs were down also because of the pandemic. The survey results were alarming with about half of respondents saying it was ok to give youth alcohol with supervision. The perception of harm for drinking daily and smoking marijuana twice a week was also low, suggesting that we need to do more to educate the adults. Since there was a large percentage of adults that reported not being parents, it was suggested that we separate the data between adults without children and parents to gauge whether that may have influenced the data.

The discussion continued with how to reach parents without them becoming defensive. It was suggested that Y2Y may have a role to play. Parents listening to the youth. Jen said this was an opportunity and would bring it up to the Y2Y group.

- Updates

1. STOP Act grant: Megan provided the update. She has been working with Peder to produce some podcasts on LGTQ+ topics. The next one will be published in early March. Megan, and two GSA Advisors from Monroe attended (virtually) the Time to Thrive Conference. She said it was very powerful, and the panel discussion was enlightening. Megan is also finishing up a resource packet for educators.
2. Y2Y: Jen provided the update. Jim Mattys, HS Principal, presented the Y2Y video on the SMILE program to the School Board. Y2Y also started a feminine hygiene project, making sure that the school restrooms were stocked. SARP was so impressed with this, that they have taken over supplying all the school districts in Green County with feminine hygiene products for their restrooms.
Youth activities have included a MineCraft server, Virtual Paint Night.

There are currently 46 students in the mentoring program.

3. Latinx Outreach: Cynthia gave the update. She has 2 new clients and a total of 12 clients she meets with. She gives them a survey to identify their needs, and provides resources, and translation support. She also watched a couple of webinars, and did outreach distributing Better Brodhead informational materials in Spanish
4. Art Contest: So far we only have one entry. Coalition members with children were encouraged to have their children enter the contest also. Entries can be mailed or emailed electronically. The contest closes on Friday the 19th.
5. Family Wellness Fair: Many partners have provided videos for the 8 dimensions of wellness. We have shared folders on the Google drive that we are compiling resources for each dimension. Eric, our web developer, will start putting together the webpages for the virtual wellness fair soon.

- Any other news

Peder said that SARP is doing Take Back the Night walks around the county and they want to do one in Brodhead and would like Better Brodhead to be involved. Katie said she would help. Peder suggested that we could help to promote the event.

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