



Coalition Meeting

July 19, 2022 5:15pm

In Person at Bethlehem Lutheran Church 405 E 9th Ave, Brodhead

Virtual at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89166300915>

1. **Welcome and introductions** → Julie Taylor (*Vice Chair*), Bridget Craker (*Green Co. Public Health*), Jess Marass (*Parent*), Sue Pomotto (*Health Care*), Chief Hughes (*Chair*), Kathy Comeau (*Program Director*), Tia Santiago (*Bilingual Community Services Coordinator*), Alexis Speth (*Community Engagement Coordinator*), Jen Wichita (*Community Services Coordinator*)
Apologies: Jason Onken-Covert, Stephanie Pinnow
need to set up a Remind to text out reminders as some don't check emails
2. **Consent Agenda (previous meeting summary, staff notes, budget)** →
 - a. Chief explained that coming up in September we will start our two meetings a month (one administrative and one project planning)
 - b. Jen shared the "conference folder" → this is a folder prepared for Tia and Trevor Long that includes information about Better Brodhead, our grants and activities, and note taking sheets for each conference session attended. This is to share about our coalition as well as bring back information that was learned to share with our coalition.
 - c. correction from meeting summary of June meeting → Lex was signed in virtually as Chief
3. **Vape Sensors at the High School** →
 - a. Jim Matthys contacted Better Brodhead in May to ask if we would consider purchasing 6 of 12 vape sensors (\$3000), major complaints from MS & HS is that most of the vaping is happening in the male bathrooms (we also know it happens in the female bathrooms)
 - i. Kathy brought it to Exec. Committee who wanted to know efficacy
 - ii. the Vape detector company won't give any information on other schools that are using it and said "just try it out", the sensor will sound an alarm on a the phone for a staff member to check
 - iii. there was also some talk from school officials that BB is a source of money
 - b. questions
 - i. Will it be a deterrent? Will it actually catch anyone?
 - ii. How does this play out with more than one student in the bathroom?
What is the next step after the staff member goes in? A staff member needs reasonable suspicion, while law enforcement needs probable cause to ask students to empty their pockets.
 - iii. How will they not be vandalized (the boys bathroom already has closing every week bc of vandalism)?
 - c. group agreement
 - i. "I want to like it, but without testimonials..."
 - ii. We are unable to obtain data from the vape sensor company. We have reservations on the effectiveness of the overall goals of reducing the use of vaping. We are open to looking into other resources to help this issue.

4. **Proposal forms** → see feedback on the forms to put in notes

5. Grant Funding

- a. United Way → We have funding for 2023 for 7th Grade Dating Matters / Jen is making binders of 6th grade material to give to schools so they can present it or ask us to present is
- b. MOUD Project → \$8,000 - Medication for Opioid Use Disorder from CADCA - working on stigma in the healthcare sector about prescribing MOUD, some of that money can be used for a stipend for Julie who is making a harm reduction animation, Tia & Kathy will be going to Chicago for in person training, the MOUD survey closes tomorrow

6. **Projects Meeting to be scheduled** → We will revisit this at the next meeting.

- a. meetings:
 - i. 2nd Tuesday of the Month = Board Meeting starting in September
 - ii. 3rd Tuesday of the Month = Projects Meeting starting in September
- b. questions:
 - i. First project meeting will we decide to break into different work groups?
 - ii. Work on one project at a time?
 - iii. How is the project meeting going to look?
 - iv. How do we let people know that we are changing the format?
- c. projects in the works:
 - i. Rx Drug Take Back @ Piggly Wiggly
 - 1. Currently we have 2 more Take Back events scheduled in Monroe during the month of August. Do we want a drive through event at Piggly Wiggly during September?
→ We have already met our quota, so we have fulfilled our requirements. Is this something we want to do? The Executive Committee thought about having a take back event not associated with another community event in a public place.
 - ii. Narcan Training. In Aug & Sept → Not a lot of planning involved with this.
 - iii. Info table at Festivals in Aug →
 - iv. Adult GSA activities TBD →
 - v. RX Presentations TBD →
 - vi. Red Ribbon Week in Oct →

7. **Mission Statement Work** → Krista & Jason are not here today. Will look at this in the next meeting.

8. **Adult GSA Update** → Jess Marass:

- a. Drag BINGO night in the works
 - i. considerations: Better Brodhead is not anti-alcohol but we do need to be careful about public perception, not perpetuate the stereotype of gays only hanging out in bars, Kelch Aviation Museum instead? Police presence and safety consideration?
- b. growing pains → need to meet with Kathy to clarify roles and fill out activity form together, our STOP grant could cover it if it was family friendly that raises awareness of the community and gives kids the opportunity to be them authentic selves
- c. insurance - for LGBTQ+ events Better Brodhead will take out additional event liability (\$45/event)

9. Upcoming Events & Past Events

- a. National Night Out: August 9th at BHS
- b. Covered Bridge Days: Kathy will contact Sue at 608 Factory
- c. Movie Night at Legion Park: Friday, August 5th at 8pm Love, Simon → Resources for parents, rainbow swag, put together swag bags, send out in emails and social media and on the website and ask others to share
- d. Sugar River Environmental Scan: ems & citation numbers are lower this summer, lack of staffing in departments

10. Green Co. Health Update → Bridget Craker

- a. Covid:
 - i. 24 cases, then 68, tomorrow we will see the new numbers, Green Co. is in "medium" (updated on Fridays) and when in "high" masks are recommended, usually about 2 hospitalizations per week,
 - ii. BA 5 variant is now 70-80% in US; don't have specific data for each county but our region is about 70-80% → it seems like it is more transmissible and less
 - iii. people 50+ are eligible for 2nd booster, 5+ are eligible for first booster testing by appointment, walk in clinics each week
 - iv. antivirals are available from your pcp and can reduce your viral load and help you feel better have to take them within a certain time frame
- b. Monkeypox:
 - i. Green Co. Health - posting info about monkeypox, no cases in Green Co.
 - ii. more similar to smallpox than chickenpox - transmitted through bodily fluids
 - iii. not a risk to the general public endemic in many countries (like our colds)

Next meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 in our new office inside Floors For Less 2602 1st Center Ave.

Adjourn: 6:59pm