



South Hadley Drug & Alcohol Prevention Coalition
The mission of the South Hadley Prevention Coalition is to collaboratively initiate, coordinate, & sustain prevention efforts to reduce youth substance use & abuse within the town of South Hadley

Minutes: October 12, 2022 SHHS Library 6:30 PM

Sector Representatives Present: Jadyne Christie (Youth), Marjorie Dunlap-Asselin (Parent), Elizabeth Winfield, Mary Walsh (School), David Bergeron (Faith Community), Karen Walsh Pio (Youth Serving Organization), Maureen Couture RN Board of Health, Laurie Loisel D.A. office (Local or State Government Agency)

Coalition Staff Present: Susan Cook (Coordinator), Steve Fleming (Director)

Regrets: Dianna Goldberg, Lisa Manzi, Lisa Goldsmith, Caroline Johnson, Megan Lee, Taylor McAndrew, Sarah Kohm, Denise Kelly-Lachat, Kris Hoag, Josh Helems.

Topic	Action to be Taken/Decision to be Made	Who is responsible*
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ground rules for meeting covered – Steve Fleming volunteered to take minutes ● Introductions included name and sector 	Susan
Approve Minutes	September 2022 minutes, Karen Walsh Pio motioned approval, Beth W. seconded, all approved.	Membership
Coalition Capacity Building and Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Year 9 of the DFC grant began Sept. 30, 2022 and ends Sept 29, 2023. ● Posted openings for the Youth Outreach Worker, MS Peer Leader Advisor and HS Peer Leader co-advisor. Jadyne indicated she was planning to reapply for the Youth Outreach position. Steve suggested a coach, parent, or para-professional would be great for the co-advisor at the HS. Susan indicated that applications are due for all positions at the end of the month. ● CADCA Conference is Jan 30 to Feb 2, 2023. Mary Walsh, District nurse Leader expressed an interest and would get back to Susan. ● NELMS is hosting a one-day MS Youth Leadership conference Nov 17 in Manchester NH. Invitation was forwarded to MS admin and Peer Advisor. The new MS principal, Chris Fontaine expressed a willingness to chaperone 5 Middle School youth – Susan will work with him to secure the transportation and the grant will cover the registration since it was a goal for Year 8 and funding was put aside for the opportunity. ● NW District Attorney David Sullivan indicated that there will be an opportunity for Coalitions to apply for mini-grant to support youth substance use prevention. We will look out for that application. Susan talked to him during the SPIFFY Data Fair at Hampshire College last week, and he suggested it may take a month or two for that application to be released. 	Membership
Strategies – Reduce Youth Substance Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sector reports – MS Peer Leaders, SHPD, Board of Health and others <p>The open discussion was started by the parent – it was stated that the youth at the HS have a serious problem with vaping. She indicated areas of concern and what she had already shared with the school administration. Issues mentioned included youth paying cash (\$2-\$15 each) for “hits” off of vape devices, MS</p>	Membership

	<p>youth on the fringes of HS athletic events using vapes, parents providing THC vapes to youth and even using THC with them at HS age parties. There was a store mentioned that has been reported to the SHPD for possibly selling illegal vapes and vapes to youth. The SHPD was also notified of a van selling vapes to youth at the Beechgrounds. The SH Board of Health is the department that sets up stings for sales of nicotine products. Susan will reach out to see if they are planning an event. She also mentioned that one store in Belchertown failed the tobacco sting for selling to youth, but the rest passed this Fall according to their Coalition Coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HS Peer Leaders – October events coming up include working with the Student Council to plan Spirit Week. The Peer Leaders are in charge of the Wednesday Awareness day and Jadyne said they are planning to offer ribbons (red for substance use awareness, blue for suicide awareness, and purple for autism awareness). Susan suggested that we could give out small packets of Smarties with Social Norm statistics listed (ie. 87% of Hampshire County 10th graders DO NOT use a vape or e-cig. *SPIFFY PNAS 2021*) Jadyne will bring that idea to the Peer Leader group and get back to Susan if she needs supplies. The grant has a budget line to purchase the red ribbons said Steve. Karen Walsh Pio reminded the group that the Peer Leaders have been a part of “The 84” for many years and that they offer mini-grants and an opportunity to march on the Statehouse to raise awareness about youth substance use to the politicians. Susan will follow up with the advisor to be sure we are still involved in “The 84”. ● SHPD is planning an Alcohol Compliance Check this Fall – Steve will follow up with SHPD since Josh could not attend tonight. ● Board of Health rep mentioned that there is an open invitation to attend a Round Table Discussion about Cannabis for town administrators. Susan and Karen will attend, there should be folks from the Cannabis Control Commission and we plan to mention our concerns about youth access to cannabis, high-potency THC and “Social consumption sites”. Karen also mentioned the Opioid Settlement Funds that the town is putting in the general fund (sadly, does not have to be earmarked for substance use prevention). The town is receiving \$96K this year and \$129K over the next 9 years. There is a committee forming to discuss how to use those funds, and we will be suggesting that youth substance use prevention and Coalition sustainability be on the agenda. <p><u>Social Norms messaging activity</u> – we worked to cull data points out of the local data sources we have for future messaging and actions. Susan provided data collections (HS Parent Survey 2022, South Hadley PNAS 2021, Hampshire County PNAS 2021) to each pair at the meeting. Post-it notes we used to mark and record data points that are pro-social and other points that are of concern. Those will be used for the Spirit Week Social Norms Campaign and later events.</p>	
<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Susan shared the upcoming events flyers: ● 6th Annual Prevention Conference in Gardner City Hall 10/21/22 9AM to Noon featuring Tony Hoffman of the Freewheel Project ● Trauma-Informed Hampshire County is hosting a film on 10/21/22 Noon to 2PM called, “The Wisdom of Trauma” in the NW District Atty’s office ● Belchertown is hosting a community event 10/25/22 6:30 pm Sullivan’s Message 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Regional Drug Take-Back event is scheduled for 10/29/22, 10 AM -2 PM at SHPD. Steve reported that our banner is up for the event and that the DPW is putting out the electronic signs to help advertise.● Safe and Healthy Schools Summit, 11/17/22, 7 AM -2:30 PM at the Log Cabin (The grant can cover the registration fee, just email Susan Cook)● Future meeting dates, second Wednesday of the month (Dec. 14, Jan.11, 2023, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, May 10, June 14, 2023)	
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Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next Full Coalition Meeting: December 14th, 6:30 PM SHHS Library
November meeting will be a social norms subcommittee meeting - TBD

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