

**Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2014 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am  
In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement**



**Present: 25**

<b>School</b>	Patrick Arsenault, LEAP Sam Horrigan, SAU33 Abbi Massey, IHGMS Caroline Connolly, IHGMS
<b>Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Town/ Government</b>	Marcia Garber Tim Cahill, State Rep Kristen Buckman, Dudley Tucker Library Ben Williams, NH Liquor Commission
<b>Youth Serving</b>	Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator Celeste Clark - Exec Director, RCFY Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord Amy Michaels, Portsmouth Youth Wellness Meghan Stewart, Portsmouth Youth Wellness Sam Arenson, Seacoast Public Health Network Lisa Kazakis, AmeriHealthCaritas NH
<b>Substance Prevention Service Organizations</b>	Mary Sateary, Safe Harbour Katie Snyder, New Futures Paula Frenette, Raymond Rotary Pat Calley, Raymond Rotary
<b>Faith Organizations Youth Members</b>	Kathy McCarthy, Raymond Rotary, KWRE David Newton, Raymond Baptist Church Kaylee McGlynn, So NH University Marissa McGlynn, Youth Action

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Celeste mentioned where we stand with the office update.

She then talked about the 7 Strategies for effective community change and shared ways RCFY works to implement all of these in some way to create positive change in our community.

- Provide Information - all of the awareness regarding the dangers of drugs and alcohol, working with our partners on important campaigns to address vaping,
- Provide Support
- Enhance Skills
- Change Access/Barriers
- Change Consequences
- Incentives/Disincentives
- Change Physical Design

She then introduced Kacie Snyder from New Futures who talked about 2024 NH bills to watch and be aware of. Bills and definitions can be found on their website at <https://new-futures.org/>. You can live stream sessions on YouTube or attend in person. New Futures can help with mileage or meals. Sign up with their newsletter using your personal email.

New Futures is now monitoring 200 bills. The Legislative Session is in its 2nd week. They run on a 2 year cycle and they are into the 2nd year.

NAMI is to bring back Connect Suicide Master Training in August. This is a training RCFY has been doing for over 15 years.

Amerihealth Caritas is bringing in a program called Hope Squad. More information on their programs can be found on their website <https://www.amerihealthcaritasnh.com/>

Safe Harbor works on a youth program for youth under 21 years of age. More information can be found on their website at <https://www.safeharborwellness.org/>

Updates:

- Family Fun Night January 12, 2024 at the Middle School
- Fundraising Gala is scheduled for March 23, 2024

**Thank you for joining us today, being an RCFY advocate, passing along the information learned today, and encouraging others to learn more and get involved.**

Next Meetings February 8, 2024, March 14, 2024

**Mission Statement:**

The Raymond Coalition For Youth empowers the community to promote positive youth development and reduce youth substance use and suicide risk.

***Promoting Positive Healthy Choices for our Youth!***

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