

**Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2014 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am**  
**In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement**



**Present: 19**

<b>School</b>	Patrick Arsenault, LEAP Kristen Doherty, SAPC, RHS Abbi Massey, IHGMS Caroline Connolly, IHGMS
<b>Town/ Government</b>	Dave Mara, Governor's Office Kristen Buckman, Dudley Tucker Library Ben Williams, NH Liquor Commission Joseph Saulnier, School Board
<b>Youth Serving</b>	Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator Celeste Clark - Exec Director, RCFY Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord
<b>Substance Prevention</b>	Sam Arenson, Seacoast Public Health Network Ashley Stratton, AmeriHealthCaritas NH
<b>Service Organizations</b>	Kathy McCarthy, Raymond Rotary, KWRE Rich McCarthy, Raymond Rotary, KWRE Jesse Santosuosso, So NH Service, RCA
<b>Faith Organizations</b>	David Newton, Raymond Baptist Church
<b>Youth Members</b>	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 introduced Jesse Santosuosso from Southern NH Services, Rockingham Community Action. She talked about what programs are available through their organization. It is open to anyone in Rockingham County.

Food Pantry is open Tuesday thru Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm. Food donations come exclusively from Hannaford in Raymond. Nobody is turned away.

She then talked about the fuel and electrical assistance programs. This is done with a paper application that can be picked up at the Prescott Rd location or you can print it out at their website, [www.snhs.org](http://www.snhs.org).

Other programs include Tax Preparation, WIC, and Head Start. They also partner with 68 hrs of hunger and have free and reduced lunch applications for the schools.

It is also a problem for homeless individuals who don't have a address. There is a program that allows registered homeless to use the services address and have mail delivered at that address.

There was a suggestion that in order to get the word out they may want to create slides that can be viewed on RCTV.

Celeste then talked about Levels of Volunteerism within the Coalition and how do we request for a need.

Marijuana at the State is moving forward with the Governor hoping to make sure it is State Run and not a free for all.

Updates:

- Fundraising Gala is scheduled for March 23, 2024
- Project Safeguard for the 7th grade class is scheduled for May 17, 2024 at Southern NH University.

**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 March 14, 2024, April 11, 2024, May 9, 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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