

Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes
September 14 , 2023 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am
In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement



Present:26

School

Kera Clements, LRES PTO
Patrick Arsenault , LEAP
Caroline Connolly, IHGMS
Abbi Massey, IHGMS
Jenny Thompson, RHS/UNH
Liz Hart, RHS/UNH
Joseph Saulnier, Raymond School Board
Alvin Caldwell, SAU 33
Kristen Doherty, RHS
Sam Horrigan, SAU 33

Town/ Government

Mike Labell, RPS
Jeff Trahant, DHHS, DCFY, BJJS
Kristen Buckman, Dudley Tucker Library
Mike Drago, NH State Representative
David Mara, Governor's Office

Youth Serving

Pamela Turcotte - RCFY Finance Coordinator
Celeste Clark - Exec Director, RCFY
Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord

Service Organizations

Karen Morton-Clark, Recovery Friendly Wkplce
Josh Colwell, Sobriety Centers of NH

Community Organizations

Paula Frenette, Raymond Area Rotary
Ed Wood, Raymond Area Rotary

Faith Organizations

David Newton, Raymond Baptist Church

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Celeste announced that Portsmouth, NH Coalition received their first DFC Grant. Congratulations on being awarded on their first attempt.

She then introduced our speaker, Josh Colwell from Sobriety Center of NH. Josh is now in recovery after many years of drug and alcohol abuse starting when he was 15 years old. He is now an employee with the Sobriety Center and he talked about the services available through this program. They offer co-occurring levels of care including:

- Inpatient Medical Detox
- Residential Treatment
- Partial Hospitalization
- Intensive Outpatient
- Medically Assisted Treatment/Recovery

Their Antrim House Facility offers inpatient co-ed programming for those struggling with substance use disorder as well as drug and alcohol detox.

Their Lakes Treatment Center (Laconia NH) provides outpatient PHP and IOP levels of care.

Their treatment center for Veterans and First Responders is Recovery Mountain. More information on this program can be found at www.recoverymountainnh.com

More information can be found on their website www.sobrietycentersofnh.com

Pam Baker then updated everyone on some of the things happening during Red Ribbon Week, October 13 through 23, 2023.

T-Shirts were designed by the Youth Action groups and will say Be Kind To Your Mind, Live Drug Free. The Elementary School will not have the Live Drug Free statement on them.

On Thursday, Oct 26, 2023 will be Lights on Afterschool with a spaghetti supper for parents and students at Middle School.

Youth Action Groups want to focus on Vaping, Underaged Drinking and Mental Health this year.

- Fall Family Festival/Touch A Truck will be at the Elementary School on October 14 from 10 to 1.
- Prevention Summit is scheduled for October 20, 2023
- Fundraising Gala is scheduled for March 23, 2024
- Fall RX Take Back will be held at Hannafords on Saturday, October 28.
- Homecoming for all the schools will be October 7, 2023.

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 October 12, November 9 and December 14

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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