

**Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2025 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am  
In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement**



**Present: 14 Members**

<b>School</b>	Sam Horrigan, Director of Health and Wellness- RSD Pat Arsenault, LEAP Nataly Medrano, RHS
<b>Youth Serving</b>	Celeste Clark - Exec Director, RCFY Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord Pam Turcotte, RCFY Finance Coord Amy Michaels, Greater Portsmouth Wellness
<b>Government</b>	Ben Williams, Liquor Enforcement Paul Spera, DEA
<b>Substance Prevention</b>	Nicole Quinn, Seacoast Mental Health Sam Thamson, Seacoast Public Health Network
<b>Service Organizations</b>	Sarah Cain, New Futures Kathy McCarthy, Raymond Area Rotary Rich McCarthy, Raymond Area Rotary

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Celeste mentioned that the Mission Statement was updated. And reviewed the calendar and resources connected to the Coalition. It was then mentioned that Sam Horrigan was working on a new grant that involved support for substance youth prevention and children impacted by substance use.

It was then set up as an interactive activity where members wrote down Strengths, Weaknesses, opportunities and Threats. The input was then discussed as a whole. As a result some ideas and suggestions were made. Send information to new staff and families regarding staff roles, training and events. It was also mentioned that packets to new students be given through the SAP offices.

Celeste then clarified who is a RCFY Member. A member is everyone, including the entire school and community members.

Pam Baker then updated Youth Action and what they are working on right now. They are creating a Be The Wall presentation for Family Fun Night that will both positive and negative messages. Celeste then passed out a flyer made by the students entitled: "What Kids

Want Their Adults to Know". They will be attending an Empowerment Conference with Granite Youth Alliance, Youth to Youth.

Other Updates:

- Family Fun Night - January 24th
- Fundraising Gala, March 29 at the Atkinson Country Club.

**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: **Feb 13, 2025** **Mar 13, 2025**

**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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