

**Raymond Coalition For Youth ~ Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2024 ~ 9:00 – 10:30 am
In Person at Raymond Baptist Church Basement**



Present: 18 Members

School	Sam Horrigan, Director of Health and Wellness- RSD Alvin Caldwell, RSD Nataly Medrano, RHS Pat Arsenault, LEAP
Youth Serving	Celeste Clark - Exec Director, RCFY Pam Baker - RCFY Program Coord
Government	Tammy Reardon, Raymond Rec Dept Ben Williams, NH Liquor Commission Brian Nadeau, State Rep Elect Laurie Wornick, Poison Control
Substance Prevention	Nicole Quinn, Seacoast Mental Health
Health Care	Carrie Chooljian, Lamprey Health Care
Faith Organizations	David Newton, Raymond Baptist Church
Parent	Beth Cashman
Service Organizations	Katrina Langlois, Raymond Rotary
Volunteer	Jim Tuttle, Volunteer

Welcomes, Introductions, Announcements were made.

Celeste gave a Prevention Summit recap and noted that both speaker presentations are available on our website. She then introduced Ben Williams of the NH State Liquor Commission. Ben's job is to regulate alcohol and tobacco sales locations.

He talked about the Federal Farm Bill and NH RSA 439-A and the fact that hemp and vape products are unregulated with no age restrictions. Some of the products can have as much as 93% THC. His opinion is that the RSA needs to be changed to include testing requirements, package requirements and age restrictions.

He is seeing an increase in fake products from overseas. He also mentioned that Nitrous Oxide Canisters (Galaxy Gas) is becoming a problem. This item is readily available in grocery stores as whipped cream canisters. He also mentioned that battery systems for vapes can be considered a hazmat. All of these items are a concern for children, pets and the environment.

Pam Baker updated the group on Youth Action event. The Youth Employerment event at Austin 17 House and Be Bold Training at the High School. There will be 2 additional Be Bold Training to

take place over the school year. The youth have expressed interest in a Parents Together event to help them get along. Also Life of An Athlete was discussed and how it can be highlighted in the school. They also feel coaches need a code of conduct and the community should show more support for teams.

Celeste updated the group future Events:

Celeste was asked to attend a Dept of Safety meeting to discuss focus groups with young people.

We collected 25r lbs of medication at the RX Takeback in October.

We are planning for our Gala next year and are looking for committee members.

Laurie Wornick of Poison Control has seen an increase in LGBT Youth struggling since election.

The Coalition is planning an Open House on December 12 at our new location from 12 to 2PM. All are welcome.

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: **December12**

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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