**MEETING MINUTES**

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| Meeting Name: | Fairfax Prevention Coalition |
| Meeting Date: | November 13, 2024 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30pm-8:00pm |
| Venue: | Virtual |
| Attendees: | Patricia Moreno, Marvin Quintero, Emily McPhie, Yolonda Earl-Thompson, Yuri Coronado, Caitlin Viccora |

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| **Meeting Notes:**   * New Member introductions * Drug Take Back 10/26/24 updates   + Total collected: 818 lbs * New Flyer for FPC   + Discussed youth participation and leadership as a priority for 2025     - Youth-led projects to be integrated into coalition work * Discussed Membership Packets   + Includes FPC guidance   + Welcome letter   + FPC one-pager * FPC Newsletter   + Will be sent 1 week after monthly meeting   + Let Caitlin know if you didn’t receive October’s FPC Member newsletter (sent last month from fpc@fairfaxcounty.gov) * **CADCA annual forum: February 3-6, 2025**   + **FPC can fund up to three coalition members for the conference**     - **Will prioritize at least 1 youth member**   + **Location: National Harbor, MD**   + **Let Caitlin know if you would like to attend on behalf of FPC** * Reviewed Problem Analysis Map on Alcohol   + Discussed Reasons for use   + Continued brainstorming on addressing the problem     - Helping teens understand that risk taking is part of their development       * Provide information as to why they are given the tools to prevent substance misuse       * Self-discovery for healthy choices     - Balancing information on dangers without using scaring tactics     - Presentation towards parents as to how to talk to their teens about substance misuse, risky behaviors   + Discussed the positive messaging on prevention presentation at a coalition meeting in 2023 – Caitlin will re-share this in the newsletter   + Including youth to help with the campaigns/ events     - Inviting influential leaders from school clubs and sports     - Approach teens not within your professional capacity but at their level of humanity   + **Strategies to engage youth – Have an event that promotes healthy behaviors during prom season created by HS students.**      - **Approach the student leaders endorsed by coaches, teachers, other trusted adults**     - Have a celebration of leaders event – end of January, early February       * First meeting could be at an event space or activity       * Ask “What makes a great leader?” “How do you encourage your peers to make healthy choices?”       * These leaders can be ambassadors to other students       * Transportation – can use NCS vans to transport youth leaders to event       * Emily and Yolonda will lead planning of celebration     - Focusing geographically - regionally       * Start with Region 6 (Lewis, Hayfield); 3 (Mt. Vernon, Edison, West Potomac) for pilot - Yolonda has connections       * Second wave: Region 1 (South Lakes, Reston, Herndon, Oakton) - Emily has connections     - Create a one-pager flyer with QR codes to gather interest from teens and trusted adults for celebration of leaders event       * Yolonda will lead recruitment       * Caitlin will create first draft of flyer, work with Yolonda, Yolonda’s youth group will review and provide feedback     - Main event – spring event to promote healthy behaviors before Prom       * Could have a “Youth” section and “Parents” section of event         + Youth learn healthy choices skills from peers, parents learn how to support their youth |
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| No. | Description: | Responsible party/parties: | Due by: |
|  | Framework for Leadership Celebration  Goal, Venue, agenda, budget, date | Emily and Yolanda | 12/11/24 |
|  | Create a flyer for leadership celebration event | Caitlin | 11/18/24 |

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| Next Members meeting will be on December 11th at 6:30pm. |