**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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| Action Items:  |   |   |   |
| 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.  |