**MEETING MINUTES**

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| Meeting Name: | Fairfax Prevention Coalition, Member Meeting |
| Meeting Date: | February 12, 2025 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30pm-8:00pm |
| Venue: | Virtual |
| Attendees: | Yolonda Earl-Thompson; Anaya Moparthy, Emily McPhie, Brittany Higgins, Mark Greer, Anna Parisi, Marvin Quintero, Kimberlyn Pena, Amy Smith, Caitlin Viccora |

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| **Meeting Notes:**   * Celebration of Youth Leaders Event   + Logistics     - Updated event flyer attached     - Date: Sunday, March 2nd     - Location: Bowl America Falls Church     - Time: 2:30-6:00pm       * 2:30-2:45pm-Youth arrive       * 2:45pm-FPC youth presentation       * 4:00-6:00pm-Bowling and arcade games     - Recruitment update: Nine students have signed up to date, goal of 25 Members will reach out to continue recruitment. Google interest form link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemqqRryaNo0Ps2tqvRmhdEEM4KQn0elYgKC8p09pgLrdDOiQ/viewform>       * Continue to share recruitment link (especially individual outreach)       * Not limited to any specific area in the county – open to all youth     - Transportation: Yolonda is checking on availability of church van; Raymond is looking into other options for students not in Alexandria area     - Presentation logistics       * Presentation will be done at Bowl America too       * Caitlin called and asked for tables for presentation       * Materials: laptop on each table and/or QR code to access slides in lieu of a projector   + Event Agenda     - Link to agenda: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ljW4bNnN7rjDtrCNM8UFZPYSjO-DNQO6qun93FMubtU/edit?usp=sharing>     - Shared updated agenda: Reviewed structure of the presentation, revised the bowling leadership brainstorm activity for small group discussions/larger group share     - Add brainstorm of teen community issues: What issues are happening that are not being addressed? What wins are not being celebrated? What are you talking about that adults are not listening to?       * Call to action after this discussion – join the Fairfax Prevention Coalition Youth Team       * Opportunity to create change through projects: PSAs, posters, social media campaign   + All coalition members encouraged to attend Youth Leadership Celebration – let Caitlin know if you are planning on attending * FPC Information   + Drug Take Back Day – Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10:00am-2:00pm     - Coalition responsible for promotion: posters/flyers email newsletter templates, social media toolkit     - Coalition Member volunteers to draft templates or toolkit?     - Coalition Member volunteers to put up posters in community spaces, government buildings and pharmacies?       * Caitlin will create matrix/sign-up sheet for poster distribution in different areas of the county     - Coalition also responsible for volunteering to pass out prevention education material – sign up to come   + All Hands Meeting - Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in-person, Kings Park library 6:30pm-8:30pm     - Opportunity for networking and coalition planning     - FPC Partners and FPC Members to attend together       * Usually FPC Members meet monthly, FPC Partners meet quarterly     - Calendar invite sent, let Caitlin know if you did not receive     - What would be helpful to highlight at this event       * Coalition structure overview (e.g. FPC structure, 12 sectors, etc.)       * Other coalition examples * Open Discussion * Current fear of ICE raids and immigration status has caused drop in attendance in schools, seeking health care, going to food banks   + This fear could also lead to youth using substances to cope   + Focus on creating safe spaces for youth and community members   + Offer ways to connect people to access resources safely   + Second Story is offering more mental health programming in response * Job insecurity at federal level also causing fear and uncertainty * Virtual meetings are working well for FPC members * Also want some in-person opportunities (e.g. April All-Hands Meeting), maybe in-person meeting every quarter or 6 months |
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| Action Items: |  |  |  |
| No. | Description: | Responsible party/parties: | Due by: |
|  | Recruit for Celebration of Youth Event at Bowl America 3/2/25 | All members | Ongoing |
|  | Finalize transportation for Youth Celebration | Caitlin/Yolonda | ASAP |
|  | Interested in attending or helping at the Youth Celebration, contact Caitlin | All members | ASAP |

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| Next Members meeting will be on March 12, 6:30pm via Teams |