**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 |