

**Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth  
Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2018  
Riverhead Free Library  
330 Court Street, Riverhead, NY 11901**

*The mission of the Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth is to engage collaborative partners in the planning, implementation and evaluation of strategies that prevent youth substance use.*

<b>Present:</b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Sector</u></b>
Felicia Scocozza	Riverhead CAP	Program Director
Kelly Miloski	Riverhead CAP	Project Coordinator
Cynthia Redmond	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Shannon Kutner	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Tracy Kolsin	Southampton Youth Bureau	Youth Serving
Robert “Bubbie” Brown	First Baptist Church	Religious
Paulette Orlando	SC Tobacco Action Coalition	Other S.A. Agency
Kenny Rothwell	Riverhead High School	Youth
Liz Flood	Riverhead Recreation	Youth Serving
Jordan Harden	Riverhead Recreation	Youth Serving
Gail Feldman	Suffolk County Dept. of Health	Government
Laurie Harrison	Riverhead Library	Youth Serving
Sgt. Stephen Palmer	Riverhead Town Police	Law Enforcement
MaryEllen Adams	LIPRC	Other S.A. Agency
Gina Messa	Martha Clara Vineyards	Business
Mary Caffrey	Eastern Suffolk BOCES	School

I. Kelly Miloski opened the meeting at 2:35 PM and welcomed the coalition members. Introductions were made.

**II. Motion**

Laurie Harrison/Jordan Harden to approve the December 14, 2017 coalition meeting minutes.

**III. Approval of change in November minutes – Felicia Scocozza**

There was a slight error in the carryover request funds approved in the November minutes. The actual amount is \$38,999.42 that was carried over to the agency’s new fiscal year. Motion was made by Bubbie Brown and Jordan Harden to approve the change. Motion approved unanimously.

**IV. Riverhead Community Coalition Bylaws – MaryEllen Adams and Kelly Miloski**

As we are applying for the DFC grant again this year and our coalition continues to grow, a committee was formed to develop a set of bylaws for the coalition. Many thanks to LIPRC, the Air National Guard, and Jack Kann from PBMC Northwell Health for their help in devising the bylaws. Kelly reviewed some of the key points asking the

group for input. All active coalition members are asked to review the bylaws and attend the February 8, 2018 meeting as the bylaws will be voted upon and enacted thereafter.

**V. Community Mapping Project – Coalition Members**

Based on the community mapping project the youth coalition and the general coalition participated in, a list of concerns and strategies for five areas in the towns of Riverhead and Southampton (Flanders/Riverside/Northampton) was compiled. We are now in the position of determining which projects are within our capabilities to accomplish and which projects have the potential to yield short-term, intermediate, and long-term results.

With regard to Big Lots, more discussion is needed with the property owner, the stores, and the school district. Felicia indicated that there are meetings planned to address this issue.

For Ludlum Park, it was felt that a lot of the strategies developed were predicated on the completion of the planned community center. Tracy indicated that while the funds have been established to construct the building have been approved, no other plans have been made for its management and usage. We will continue to obtain updates on this project and find ways to contribute.

The town beaches were discussed at length. Some short-term strategies were to provide appropriate signage indicating that alcohol use on town beaches is prohibited and there is no parking after 10:00 PM. Riverhead Town Police would be open to having patrol officers park at the beaches at night to deter youth from having underage drinking parties. Sgt. Palmer also suggested that the part-time Fire Marshall has to patrol these beaches Friday and Saturday nights in the summer and might be amenable to helping with this effort.

However, Wi-Fi is unavailable at the LI Sound beaches thereby rendering police officers unreachable. Liz Flood offered to find out who the Wi-Fi carrier is so that we can begin to address this public safety issue.

It was also recommended that when residents purchase their beach permits for the season, they are provided information about underage drinking and rules for the beaches.

In the interest of time, this topic will be continued at the next coalition meeting.

**VI. DFC Application Projects**

We are currently in Year 5 of the DFC grant and will be applying for the grant again. In doing so, we need to include the names of our Sector Representatives. Gina Messa has returned to the coalition and had agreed to represent the Business Sector leaving us to fill only two other representative positions – Parent and Media. Felicia has some

leads on the Media representative so if anyone knows of a parent, a non-staff member with children in RCSD, please talk to them about the coalition and the work we are doing. Anyone who is a Sector Representative must sign a Coalition Involvement Agreement (CIA) which is submitted with the application.

For the DFC application, we need to address two substances. We intend to include alcohol again but also add marijuana including e-cigarettes as a marijuana delivery system.

In order to support our application, we will need to provide hard data i.e. school dropout rates, school suspensions related to substance use, juvenile court and youth court data (Beth Maccagli will provide), ER admissions related to substance use, and treatment admission data (Gail Feldman will see if she can obtain this information).

We also need to provide qualitative data including information from focus groups, informal survey, interviews, and discussions. Many thanks to Tracy Kolsin who offered his youth group as a focus group on Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

**VII. Fourth Annual Meet & Greet, April 12, 2018 – Kelly Miloski**

A committee has been formed to begin planning the Meet & Greet. Many thanks to Gina Messa for joining the committee. Kelly will be organizing 3-4 planning meetings in the coming months. Please check email for updates.

**VIII. Community Announcements**

**CAP's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowling Bonanza** will be held Thursday, March 15, 2018 at The All Start in Riverhead. Please consider forming a team to support this fun-filled event. Online registration is open.

**National Leadership Forum will be held February 4-8, 2018.** Felicia and Kelly will be attending the conference and will accept the Got Outcomes award on behalf of the coalition.

**Long Island Tobacco Coalition** has begun a new campaign to influence pharmacies to stop selling tobacco products in stores that are supposed to be promote good health. The coalition has established a media campaign at Tanger Outlets in Riverhead so coalition members are asked to look for the poster, take a selfie and tag @tobaccofreeli on Twitter. LI Tobacco Coalition also has postcards and statements of support to get more people involved in this effort so please contact Paulette Orlando for materials to help in this effort.

**East End Partnership for Youth** will host "Building Healthy Communities" on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at East Wind Conference Center. Tonier Cain will be the keynote speaker and CEUS will be available at an extra cost for SW, MHC, and CASAC. Please contact Nicole Keller at [Nkeller@theretreatinc.org](mailto:Nkeller@theretreatinc.org).

**The East End Voters Coalition of Riverhead** will host the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 3:00 PM at Riverhead Free Library. The guest speaker will be our newly elected, Suffolk County Sheriff Errol Toulon, Jr. For more information, please contact Bubbie Brown at (631) 369-4642 or any of the other committee members.

**Southampton Youth Bureau** has a ski trip coming up January 27, 2018. Registration ends tomorrow. Hamptons Got Talent auditions are coming up for the show on March 2, 2018. Please contact the Southampton Youth Bureau for more information.

**Riverhead Idol** auditions are currently underway with final auditions next week. Please contact Liz Flood at [flood@townofriverheadny.gov](mailto:flood@townofriverheadny.gov). Show date is February 11, 2018.

**IX. Next Meeting – Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 2:30 PM at Riverhead Free Library (330 Court Street)**

**X. Motion to Adjourn**

Liz Flood/Tracy Kolsin to adjourn meeting at 4:00 PM.