

**Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth  
Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2018  
Riverhead Firehouse  
540 Roanoke Avenue, 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	Project Director
Kelly Miloski	Riverhead CAP	Project Coordinator
Cynthia Redmond	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Karen Keller	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Shannon Kutner	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Aimee Meyer	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Beth Maccagli	Riverhead JAB	Government
Paulette Orlando	Tobacco Action Coalition	Other S.A. Agency
Brenden Van Slyke	PBMC Northwell Health	Healthcare
Chief Hegermiller	Riverhead Police Department	Law Enforcement
Catherine Kent	Town of Riverhead	Government
Tracy Kolsin	Southampton Youth Bureau	Youth Serving
Carissa Siry	CDTF	Government
Sean Cassidy	CDTF	Government
Robert “Bubbie” Brown	First Baptist Church	Religious
Gail Feldman	SC Department of Health	Government
Cynthia Ngombe	First Baptist Church	Religious
Georgianna Dolan-Reilly	LIPRC	Other S.A. Agency
Maggie Dufour	Riley Avenue PTO	Parent
MaryEllen Adams	LIPRC	Other S.A. Agency
Pamela Mizzi	LIPRC	Other S.A. Agency
Stephen Palmer	Riverhead Police Dept.	Law Enforcement
Michael Carrieri	Riverhead Police Dept.	Law Enforcement
Raymond LaPorte	Riverhead Police Dept.	Law Enforcement
Jonathan Devereaux	Riverhead Police Dept.	Law Enforcement
PJ Tedeshi	Tobacco Action Coalition	Other S.A. Agency
Jordan Harden	Town of Riverhead	Youth Serving
Liz Keller	Town of Riverhead	Youth Serving
Beth Young	East End Beacon	Media
Diana Schwenk	Options for Community Living	Healthcare
May Zegarelli	Town of Riverhead	Government
Kelli Keck	Epiphany Community Services	Grant Evaluator

- I. Kelly opened the meeting at 2:37 PM and welcomed the coalition members. Many thanks to Riverhead Fire Department for allowing us to have our meeting in their venue.
- II. **Motion**  
Maggie Dufour's name was not included in the October 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Chief Hegermiller and Paulette Orlando to approve the October 11, 2018 coalition meeting minutes.  
(Minutes can be found on CAP's website at [RiverheadCAP.org/about/documents/](http://RiverheadCAP.org/about/documents/))
- III. **GOT OUTCOMES! –Felicia Scocozza**  
Felicia reported to the coalition that the Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth has been awarded the CADCA Coalition of Excellence designation for Intermediate Outcomes in the reduction of youth alcohol and prescription drug abuse. Felicia and Kelly will accept the award on behalf of the coalition at the national conference in February. Congratulations!
- IV. **Medication Take Back Events & Drop Box Updates – Kelly Miloski**  
*S.T.O.P. Throwing Out Pollutants (STOP) Day – 10/20/18 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Town of Riverhead Highway Yard (1177 Osborn Avenue, Riverhead):*  
**160 lbs. collected**  
  
*DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day – 10/27/18 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Peconic Bay Medical Center (1300 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead):*  
**60 lbs. collected**  
  
Since the installation to the Medication Drop Box at Riverhead Police Department in August 2014, we have collected 5,677 lbs. of medication.
- V. **Subcommittee Sign Up – Kelly Miloski**  
A coalition committee has been formed to evaluate compliance with the Logic Model and developing action plans. If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Kelly.
- VI. **RYC PSA – Cynthia Redmond**  
The RYC wrote and recorded their latest PSA at Beach Radio on November 2, 2018. "The Drug Dealer" is about the medicine cabinet being a source for substance abuse and how to prevent prescription drug abuse. This was the first PSA recording for the new middle school members. It will air the weeks of November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup> on 101.7 The Beach.
- VII. **Marijuana Consensus Building Activity – Coalition Members**  
Our DFC Evaluator, Kelli Keck, visited the coalition to introduce activities related to building consensus around the issue of marijuana legalization. New York State appears to be leaning toward the legalization of recreational marijuana and as a coalition, we

feel the need to devise a cohesive message to deal with the issue as it pertains to youth. It was largely felt that when the medical marijuana dispensary was proposed for the Riverhead location by the school, the coalition had a reactionary response. In hindsight, it would have been more effective if the coalition had the time to develop a unified position. As it appears New York State will legalize marijuana for recreational use, we need to ask ourselves how will that affect our community and how can we prevent youth use.

The coalition worked in small groups to complete exercises designed to generate opinions and ideas about the issue. Felicia and Kelly will compile the results and provide them to the coalition for further discussion.

**VIII. Community Announcements**

**Options for Community Living – Diane Schwenk**

Diana introduced the organization to the coalition and shared that Options for Community Living offers a wide variety of services to parents and children. They do serve the East End and are looking for referrals. For more information, visit [www.optionscl.org](http://www.optionscl.org) or contact them at (631) 361-9020.

The **Great American Smoke Out is November 15, 2018**. If anyone is interested in helping Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island in their effort to encourage tobacco-free pharmacies, please contact PJ Tedeschi or Paulette Orlando at (631) 415-0948.

**Free Teen Intervene Training** – LIPRC is offering this free training in Huntington on December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> in the evening hours to make it more convenient for people who are working during the day. Please contact LIPRC at (631) 650-0135 for more information.

**Career Fair** – ESBOCES Riverhead Literacy Zone and the Riverhead Free Library are bringing together local employers from a range of fields seeking full- and/or part-time employees. The event will take place on November 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm at the Riverhead Free Library (330 Court Street, Riverhead). All are welcome and no registration is needed.

**IX. Next Meeting – Annual Holiday Celebration  
Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 2:30 PM  
Terrace Room – Atlantis Banquets & Events  
431 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901**

**X. Motion to Adjourn at 4:05 PM – Liz Keller/Chief David Hegermiller**