

**Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth
Meeting Minutes February 14, 2019
Atlantis Banquets & Events
431 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901**

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

Present:	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Sector</u>
Felicia Scocozza	Riverhead CAP	Program Director
Kelly Miloski	Riverhead CAP	Project Coordinator
Kathleen Timpone	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Aimee Meyer	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Karen Keller	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
David Hegemiller	Riverhead PD	Law enforcement
Louise Wilkinson	Kiwanis	Civic Association
Liz Killer	Riverhead Recreation	Youth Serving
Jordan Harden	Riverhead Recreation	Youth Serving
Carissa Siry	CDTF	Government
Gabriel Manzueta	CDTF	Government
Beth Maccagli	Riverhead JAB	Government
Maggie Dufour	Riley Avenue PTO	Parent
Georgianna Dolan-Reilly	LIPRC	Other S.A. Agency
Brenden Van Slyke	PBMC Northwell Health	Healthcare
Shannon Kutner	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Lauren Strong	Riverhead Free Library	Youth Serving

I. Introductions

Kelly opened the meeting at 2:35 and welcomed the coalition members. Members went around the room and did introductions. Many thanks to Atlantis Banquets & Events for the venue for our meeting.

II. Motion

Maggie Dufour and Louise Wilkinson to approve the January 10, 2019 coalition meeting minutes.

III. Reduce Underage Drinking

Town Beach Permit Letters & Signage

Jordan spoke about using the information from our Action Plan to develop a letter stating that there will be no tolerance for underage drinking, open containers and vaping/smoking at the beaches. Each person that gets a town parking permit will receive a letter stating the expectations and code. There will also be four new 2'x3' signs made and displayed at the beaches stating the code. The coalition plans to make more for the parks in the future.

Pre-Prom Meetings

Aimee Meyer spoke about the upcoming planning meeting for the pre-prom meetings that are scheduled for 4/8/2019 & 5/1/2019. The Pre-Prom meetings are required for seniors who plan to attend prom as well as a parent/guardian. If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact Cynthia to volunteer.

IV Reduce Marijuana usage

RCC Marijuana Position Paper

Kelly spoke about making the previously discussed changes to the marijuana position paper that included a line was about offering support services for offenders. The coalition discussed the possibility of raising the age to use to 25 but agreed we are aligning with the position paper with alcohol policy. We will add verbiage about the brain not being developed until age 25. Kelly called for a vote to accept the paper with the above mentioned additions. Members unanimously voted to accept it as the position paper for the coalition. Georgia spoke about certain towns opting out and explored ideas for Riverhead. We want to look at what guidelines are in place for the existing dispensary to expand if legalization happens. There is a possibility of Suffolk County opting out and there will be a county-wide hearing on 2/25 to discuss this. Legislator Krupski approached Felicia for information regarding vaping and maybe banning flavored nicotine liquids. There has been an increase in teen use 10%-23%(2016-2018).

V. Increase Community Collaboration

Meet & Greet

Co-chair Liz spoke about the 4/11 Meet and Greet at Riverhead Fire Department from 3-5. The subcommittee agreed on a few tables. Liz & Beth will create a 'Fishing for Facts' table and Tsgt Siry discussed her plans to create a table showing how all aspects of the coalition are intertwined. There will also be an 'I love Riverhead' table. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around.

Coalition Member Training Survey

Kelly asked all members to do the brief survey so that we can implement trainings for members. The 2-minute survey can be completed by visiting <https://conta.cc/2UXRx1i>.

Member of the Month

The Member of the Month for March is **Liz Keller**. Congratulations and thank you to Liz for all that she does! The coalition is accepting nominations for April Member of the Month.

National Leadership Forum

Chief spoke about CADCA and recognized Kelly and Felicia for their presentation. Our coalition received the GOT Outcomes Coalition of Excellence Award for our work reducing youth prescription medication use in the Riverhead community. Kelly thanked the whole coalition for their contributions.

VI. Announcements

Bowling Bonanza

Riverhead CAP's Bowling Bonanza will take place at the All Star on March 21st from 7-9:30pm. The cost is only \$20 per person and advanced registration is required to secure a spot. Bowling, shoes, soda and chips are all included. We will also have our famous umbrella raffles, prizes and food available for purchase. For more information, contact Riverhead CAP at 631-727-3722.

Riverhead Free Library

Louise Wilkinson shared a flyer about the Black History Month exhibit at Riverhead Library and invited members to come down to the library to view it.

Vaping Presentations & Forums

Felicia Scocoza announced that there will be a vaping presentation for Middle School parents on 3/4/2019 and possibly a district-wide forum on 5/1/2019.

VII. Next Meeting – Thursday, March 14th at 2:30 PM

Terrace Room – Atlantis Banquets & Events

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VIII. Meeting to Adjourn at 3:25 PM – Maggie Dufour/Chief Hegermiller