

**Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth**  
**Meeting Minutes May 9, 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.*

<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
Shannon Kutner	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Aimee Meyer	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Karen Keller	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Liz Keller	Riverhead Recreation	Youth Serving
Carissa Siry	CDTF	Government
Maggie Dufour	Riley Avenue PTO	Parent
Georgianna Dolan-Reilly	LIPRC	Other S.A. Agency
Tracy Kolsin	Southampton Youth Bureau	Youth Serving
Kellyann Parlato	Riverhead High School	Education
Bubbie Brown	First Baptist Church	Religious
Dwight Singleton	MRV Summer Camps	Business
Diane Tucci	Riverhead Chamber Of Commerce	Business

### **I. Introductions**

Kelly Miloski opened the meeting at 2:34 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. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2019 meeting**

Maggie Dufour and Bubbie Brown to approve the March 14, 2019 coalition meeting minutes.

### **III. Pre-Prom Meetings & Promo Stickers – Aimee/Felicia**

#### **Prom**

The annual pre-prom mandatory meetings for RCSD parents and high school seniors took place on Monday, April 8, 2019 and Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 PM, 248 students attended with their parents. Many thanks to PBMC Northwell Health for sponsoring the events. The program was very successful, with a brief presentation by Cynthia Redmond of Riverhead CAP, Riverhead Police Department, and physicians from PBMC. We also had vendors and CAP provided giveaways as incentives for the students.

#### **Promo Stickers**

We have developed a 2 ½ inch sticker that says “Congratulation Class of 2019. Live Your Best Life. Celebrate Sober.” We plan to ask local businesses to put these stickers on catering orders, corsages, sandwiches, coffee cups etc. during prom and graduation season. Cynthia has created a flyer and a press release. If you are interested in helping out with this initiative, please contact Cynthia. Bubbie took some flyers & sample stickers for Bagel Lovers, Carissa for Hampton Coffee, Diane would like a digital copy of

the flyer to share with Chamber members, Maggie took some for Lighthouse Deli & Bean & Bagel, Tracy will talk to 7-11 in Flanders.

#### **IV. Medication Take Back Events – Kelly**

The DEA/Riverhead PD/PBMC Take Back Day on April 27<sup>th</sup> was a success, collecting 205 pounds of medication and 84 residents participated. There will be another Take Back Event on June 1 at Riverhead Town's STOP Day from 8-3 at the Riverhead Highway Yard. Kelly distributed flyers and asked members to share them. Felicia will contact Rodney Parrish from RCSD Superintendent's office for permission to distribute in the schools.

#### **V. Riverhead Youth Coalition News – Kelly**

RYC has been busy, engaged in the work & mission! New member recruitment will take place on the morning of the Say NO to Drugs March in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms.

RYC will be making a presentation to the Suffolk County Legislature Health Committee on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Members are invited to attend in lieu of our regular coalition meeting in June. The meeting is open to the public and adult members may also speak.

Aimee will reach out to some high school clubs that may have some students who would be a good match for the youth coalition to increase capacity in the high school. Kellyann will provide the clubs she thinks may be a good fit to draw from.

Aimee described the Red Watch Band training that 8 RYC/PL members attended in April. Kellyann expressed interest in incorporating it into the HS.

Kelly played the new RYC PSA about marijuana, which will air on Beach 101.7.

#### **Riverhead Peacemakers United for Kindness Award – Shannon Kutner**

The Riverhead Peacemakers will receive the *United for Kindness* Award from PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center on May 22, 2019 at PACER's National Unity Awards ceremony. According to PACER's, this award is a "celebration of those helping to create a world without bullying – whether it's building awareness of bullying prevention, inspiring and empowering others to take positive action or advocating for those that need support." Nominations come from across the country. You can read the full article on CAP's website: <https://riverheadcap.org/news>.

#### **VI. Goal: Increase Community Collaboration**

##### **Meet & Greet Follow Up – Coalition Members**

The Meet & Greet was a tremendous success! Members liked: the flow, that RYC members were with adults at the tables & were very engaged, that data table was clever. One hundred fifteen community members attended. Kelly asked members to complete the post event survey, which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/eNG7i5vTqe8WYRRW9>

##### **Coalition Member Training Survey – Coalition Members**

Everyone who responded said they would be interested in a Lunch & Learn or Training session. January-March seems like a good time. The most popular topic is Current and Emerging Drug Trends. If you have not done so already, please complete the following survey online at <http://conta.cc/2UXRx1i>

### **Bylaws Review – Liz Keller**

Liz reviewed the different levels of coalition membership. The coalition is looking for a few more active meetings. The Bylaws are can be viewed and download from CAP's website. You can also view & download the most recent meeting minutes there as well: <https://riverheadcap.org/about/documents/>

### **RCC Coalition Member of the Month – Kelly Miloski**

TSgt Carissa Siry is May's Coalition Member of the Month. Many thanks to TSgt Siry for helping organize the Meet & Greet, volunteering in our Pulaski St. School program, conducting environmental scans & community mapping, and providing technical support for the coalition. We are looking for nominations for June's Member of the Month.

## **VII. Community Announcements**

### **34<sup>th</sup> Annual Say NO to Drugs March – Felicia Scocozza**

CAP's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Say NO to Drugs March will take place on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 11 AM at Pulaski St. School. Coalition members are invited to attend and will be assigned a classroom to march with and to speak to prior to the march.

### **Alive on 25 – Diane Tucci**

Alive on 25 is coming! July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fireworks), July 18<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Art in the Park will be included in each event. #RiverheadRocks will be a new art installation. Kelly & Felicia will TIPS train the servers.

### **First Baptist Church & Butterfly Effect Project – Bubbie Brown**

Wo/Man Empowering Wo/Men Awards at the First Baptist Church Saturday 5/11 at 12:00; Bubbie is one of the recipients.

### **Southampton Youth Bureau – Tracy Kolsin**

SYB had a job fair last week & compiled a Job & Internship guide of positions that are still available.

### **Family Fun Day – Dwight Singleton**

Saturday 5/11 from 10-6 @ LI Sports Park, FREE, includes an egg hunt that was postponed

### **LIPRC – Georgiana Dolan-Reilly**

Substance Abuse Prevention Skills training for coalition members being offered through PRC

### **Riverhead Rec – Liz Keller**

Mother's Day Ice Cream Social Friday evening at the Senior Center Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30. Riverhead Idol Jr. June 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit the website for more info: RiverheadRecreation.net

## **VIII. Next Meet Up: Riverhead Youth Coalition Presentation**

### **Suffolk County Health Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, June 13th at 2:30pm**

**Evans K. Griffing Building (Maxine S. Postal Auditorium)**

**300 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901**

**Next Meeting - Thursday, July 11th at 2:30pm**

**Hyatt Place LI/East End (Peconic Room)**

**451 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901**

## **IX. Meeting to Adjourn at 3:41PM – Liz Keller/Karen Keller**