

**Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth
Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020 at 2:30 PM
Hyatt Place/East End**

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>
Kelly Miloski	Riverhead CAP	Project Coordinator
Felicia Scocozza	Riverhead CAP	Program Director
Cynthia Redmond	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Aimee Meyer	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Janine Marc-Anthony	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Karen Keller	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Sean Cassidy	CDTF	Government
Bubbie Brown	First Baptist Church	Religious
Bryan Miltenberg	Riverhead CSD	School
Tracy Kolsin	Southampton Youth Bureau	Youth Serving
Diane Tucci	Main St. Agency	Business
Chief David Hegermiller	Riverhead Police Department	Law Enforcement
Paulette Orlando	Tobacco Action Coalition	Other S.A. Agency
Georgiann Dolan-Reilly	LI Prevention Center	Other S.A. Agency
Sharon Goeller	Eastern Suffolk BOCES	School
Christina Tona	Riverhead CSD	School
Gregg Scheiner	LIDRC	Business
Dajuon Strange	PBMC	Health
Elizabeth Pineda	PBMC	Health

I. Introductions

Kelly Miloski opened the meeting at 2:33 and welcomed the coalition members. Members went around the room and did introductions. Many thanks to Hyatt Place/East End for providing meeting space.

II. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2020

The amended minutes reflected that Tom Schlichter from Outdoor Tom represents the Media Sector. Motion approved with one correction – Chief Hegermiller/Bubbie Brown.

III. Goal: Reduce Underage Drinking

RYC PSA – Cynthia Redmond

The RYC wrote and recorded a holiday PSA at Beach Radio which was a variation of the *Twelve Days of Christmas* focusing on the negative consequences of underage drinking. This PSA aired the last two weeks of December. The RYC will record three more PSA's before the end of the school year.

IV. Upcoming Fundraiser

**RYC BR-INGO Fundraiser – Liz Keller, Kelly & Cynthia
January 25, 2020 – 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Riverhead Senior Center
60 Shadetree, Riverhead, NY 11901**

The Riverhead Youth Planning Board has partnered with the RYC to host a fundraiser on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at the Senior Center in Aquebogue. BR-INGO will be a pancake breakfast followed by a Bingo game. There will be raffles and prizes and all proceeds will benefit the RYC. Coalition members are invited to attend and to please promote the event in your networks. The flyer will be distributed to the four K-4 buildings once it is approved by the district. The following members offered to distribute the event flyer:

Aimee Meyer – Riverhead HS staff

Sharon Goeller – Eastern Suffolk BOCES

Tracy Kolsin – Flanders Community Center

Felicia Scocozza – Will create a Facebook Event

Diane Tucci – Will share the event in her social media

Chief Hegermiller – Recommended putting event on Channel 22

Cynthia Redmond – Will put flyers in the Glenwood Clubhouse

CAP's Bowling Bonanza – Felicia Scocozza

The Bowling Bonanza fundraiser will be held Thursday, March 26th from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at The All Star in Riverhead. We are currently seeking sponsorships, raffles, and bowling teams. Bowlers pay \$20 for shoes, snacks and unlimited bowling. Anyone interested in participating at any level is asked to contact the CAP Office.

V. Committee Sign Up – Kelly Miloski

Meet & Greet Committee

The 6th Annual Meet & Greet will be held Thursday, April 16th at Riverhead Firehouse. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee is asked to contact Kelly as meetings will be scheduled soon.

Evaluation Committee

In the coming weeks, Kelly will hold meetings of the Evaluation Committee to analyze our efforts, initiatives, and accomplishments. Please reach out if you are interested in participating in this fun committee!

VI. RCC Coalition Member of the Month – Sgt. Sean Cassidy

Sgt. Cassidy is January's Coalition Member of the Month. You can read about Sean's many achievements and contributions to the Riverhead community on our website. Sean's favorite coalition activity is his role as a CAP Presenter at Pulaski Street School. Many thanks to Sean for his service to our country and valuable contributions to our youth.

If anyone would like to nominate a coalition member for February, please contact Kelly as soon as possible.

VII. Special Presentations & Discussions

Breast & Prostate Cancer Early Detection – Dajuon Strange and Elizabeth Pineda

Dajuon Strange from PBMC presented information the prevention, risks and detection of breast and prostate cancer. Dajuon also talked about the services PBMC provides and the importance of regularly seeing a physician. For more information, contact Dajuon at (631) 548-6320.

Family Community Life Center – Cynthia Ngombe

Ms. Ngombe was unavailable so we will reschedule her presentation at a later date.

Long Island Dispute Resolution Centers – Gregg Scheiner

Gregg Scheiner provided information about the wide variety of services LI Dispute provides which include special education advocacy, mediation for families, tenants/landlords, divorce, workplace disputes etc. LI Dispute Resolution Centers also provide Peer Mediation training for students to learn the skills necessary to resolve student conflicts, prevent bullying, and decrease violence and disciplinary issues in schools. For more information, contact Gregg at (516) 489-7733 ext. 160.

VIII. Community Announcements

National Leadership Forum: February 3-6 – Chief Hegermiller

Next month, Chief, Felicia, Kelly and Cynthia will participate in CADCA's 30th National Leadership Forum in National Harbor, MD. The week will be spent sharing and learning from the experience of coalitions across the United States. We will also meet with our congressional leaders during Capital Hill Day and the week will conclude with the luncheon whereby we will accept the award for Coalition of the Year 2019. We're #1!

First Baptist Church: Bubbie shared that First Baptist Church will host its 35th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at the Hyatt in Hauppauge on January 20, 2020. Please contact the church for more information.

Winterfest: Diane provided information regarding the popular North Fork event, Winterfest. This event provides the opportunity for people to enjoy the restaurants, vineyards, hotel accommodations, and the talent of musicians and artists during a series of events. For more information, please visit LIWINTERFEST.com.

Tobacco Coalition of Long Island: Paulette Orlando updated the coalition on the Suffolk County Legislature's decision to withdraw their proposed bill that would have prohibited the sale of vape flavors in Suffolk County. NYC and Nassau County passed their legislation to ban flavors however, Suffolk County would prefer to see what NYS will do next on this issue. Paulette encouraged the coalition to continue to educate people about this public health issue and as private citizens, to continue efforts to inform decision-makers about their concerns.

Vaping Cessation Efforts at Riverhead High School: Felicia informed the Coalition that we have partnered with John Martin at the Suffolk County Department of Health to implement a vaping cessation program which will begin at the end of January. This program will educate students about the health implications of vaping and will serve as an alternative to disciplinary action. Riverhead High School Principal, Sean O'Hara, is open to providing space so that community members can participate in the program if they are in need of this service.

Southampton Youth Bureau: Tracy shared that Hamptons Got Talent is currently accepting application from youth for its annual talent competition which will take place on Saturday, April 4th. For more information, please contact SYB at (631) 702-2425.

Long Island Prevention Resource Center: LIPRC will host Prevention Skills Training for prevention providers. This four-day training satisfies anticipated requirements from NYS OASAS and will provide CEU's for professionals in the field. There are two offerings: February 18-21, 2020 at Sayville Fire Department and June 25-26, June 29-30 at MercyFirst in Rockville Centre. Participants must complete a 5-hour online course for a fee of \$89 in addition to one of the free in-person trainings. For more information, contact LIPRC at (631) 650-0135.

IX. Next Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 2:30 PM

Terrace Room – Atlantis Banquets & Events

431 East Main Street, Riverhead

X. Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 PM – Motion Approved by Karen Keller/Gregg Scheiner