

**Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth  
Meeting Minutes February 13, 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.*

<b>Present:</b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Sector</u></b>
Kelly Miloski	Riverhead CAP	Project Coordinator
Felicia Scocozza	Riverhead CAP	Program Director
Cynthia Redmond	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Shannon Kutner	Riverhead CAP	Parent
Janine Marc-Anthony	Riverhead CAP	Youth Serving
Jessica Alese	NYS CDTF	Government
Bubbie Brown	First Baptist Church	Religious
Maggie Dufour	RCSO PTO	Parent
Liz Keller	Town of Riverhead	Youth-Serving
Chief David Hegermiller	Riverhead Police Department	Law Enforcement
Cynthia Ngombe	Family Community Life Center	Civic Group
Shirley Coverdale	Family Community Life Center	Civic Group

**I. Introductions**

Kelly Miloski opened the meeting at 2:35 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 January 9, 2020**

Motion approved – Chief Hegermiller/Bubbie Brown

**III. Goal: Increase Community Collaboration**

**RYC BR-INGO Fundraiser – Liz Keller**

It was a great event! We had over 100 people in attendance. Riverhead Youth Coalition member, Orangielee Wilkinson, did a terrific job as the Bingo caller. The Youth Planning Board and the RYC worked well together to raise \$757.00 in support of RYC initiatives. The prizes were a big hit! Thank you Bubbie for donating his poetry CDs as prizes.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meet & Greet – Maggie Dufour & Beth Maccagli**

*Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM*

*Riverhead Firehouse (540 Roanoke Avenue, Riverhead)*

The planning committee has been meeting to plan the Meet & Greet. We have determined that there will be eight participation tables. Kelly distributed the Coalition Elevator Speech so that members are prepared for the Meet & Greet.

Felicia has been contacted by Newsday to do a feature story about the coalition and the NYS OASAS Commissioner has requested a visit with the coalition so Felicia is trying to coordinate both visits with the Meet & Greet.

Coalition members are asked to think about the “Ask Me About” activity whereby guests will ask coalition members about their favorite coalition activity.

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

Orangielee Wilkinson has been named February Coalition Member of the Month. You can read about Orangielee's many achievements and contributions her school and the Riverhead Youth Coalition. Orangielee's favorite coalition activity is writing and recording PSA's at Beach Radio and serving as a Peer Leader at Pulaski Street School. Many thanks Orangielee for her dedication to the CAP Program and her contributions to the coalition.

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

#### **V. National Leadership Forum Recap – Chief Hegermiller**

Felicia, Kelly, Cynthia, and Chief attended CADCA National Leadership Forum last week where the Riverhead Community Coalition for Safe and Drug-Free Youth was named Coalition of the Year. Chief talked about the different workshops he attended - specifically the marijuana workshop that he found to be very informative. Youth prevention funding has steadily decreased since 2009 so we need to be vigilant in our efforts to develop sustainability initiatives.

#### **VI. Community Announcements**

##### **CAP's Bowling Bonanza – Felicia Scocozza**

The Bowling Bonanza fundraiser will be held Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

##### **Family Community Life Center & 2020 Census**

Dr. Coverdale explained the premise of the Family Community Life Center which is to bring affordable workforce housing, intergenerational community support, recreation, and supportive programs to families living in the Riverhead community.

Dr. Coverdale went on to talk about the importance of 2020 census and how it economically affects families and communities for ten years. Historically, NYS pays more in taxes than what we receive back from the federal government. The accuracy of the count is crucial to receiving the funding to which we are entitled. It also affects the number of legislative representatives so we stand to lose representation when we are undercounted. You can participate in the census online, on the phone, and by mail. If people fail to do so, they will receive a personal visit from a census taker.

Cynthia informed the coalition about upcoming events and initiatives to further educate the public about the census and to assist people in its completion. Cynthia welcomes suggestions from community organizations as to how we can further galvanize community members to participate in the census. Cynthia will be following up with individuals and organizations.

#### **VII. Next Meeting**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 2:30 PM**  
**Peconic Room – Hyatt Place LI/East End**  
**451 East Main Street, Riverhead**

#### **VIII. Meeting Adjourned at PM – Motion Approved: Chief Hegermiller/Maggie Dufour**