



MONROE COMMUNITY COALITION MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

Attendance: Blake Baird, Kerry Boone, Kathy Bernhardt, Randy Brown, Patty Connor, Maribeth Darst, Lisa Golden, Chris Gray, Michael Hanford, Chris Jury, Tom MacIntyre, Bill Mahoskey, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers, Emilia Smith, Justin Springer, Jill Vandemoortele, Erin Wood

Guests: Kathy Jackson, Monroe School District; Cynthia Marcellus, Housing Hope; Ruth Shapovalov, VOA WW; Shannon Smith, DSHS; Adrienne Williams, Monroe High School; Calei Vaughn, VOA WW

Staff: Joe Neigel

Sectors of Support represented at this meeting: 8 (green = represented, white = not represented; **8 required**)

Youth	Parent	Law Enforcement
Civic/Volunteer Group	Business	Healthcare Professional
Media	School	Youth Serving Organization
Other Substance Abuse Org	Religious/Fraternal Organization	Local Government
Chemical Dependency Treatment	Mental Health	

- **Call to Order**

September meeting of the Monroe Community Coalition was called to order at 1PM by Tom MacIntyre. The September agenda focused on Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative orientation and discussion around launching a series of parent-focused community trainings.

- **Community Spotlight 1: Parent HUB**

Kathy Bernhardt and Kathy Jackson, Family Liaisons from Monroe School District, talked about their efforts to increase family involvement in school. The Family Liaisons explained their role in building relationships and collaboration between families, schools and the community.

- **Community Spotlight 2: Transportation – Legacy – Community (TLC)**

Bill Mahoskey and Lisa Golden shared about their growing collaboration of drivers in the school district's transportation department. TLC members have embraced the role of becoming trusted adults, using their positions and talents to build supportive relationships and serving as a bridge to helping adults at school. TLC is working with other community groups, including Monroe Community Coalition and the Monroe Public Schools foundation to ensure their students are well supported.

- **CPWI Orientation**

Joe Neigel walked the coalition through our history, accomplishments and the requirements expected of statewide Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative sites. The full, brief, orientation slides are available on the Coalition website: <http://monroecommunitycoalition.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/MCC-CPWI-Orientation-2017.pdf>

- **Parent Talk Series Launches**

The Coalition Leadership Team proposed continuing last year's parent outreach events, doing more of them, and developing a brand for the series. Discussion included finding a neutral facility, such as Sno-Isle Libraries, to bring in as many participants as possible (recognizing that many parents do not attend meetings that occur at schools their students do not attend). The group brainstormed a series of offerings for the Coalition to consider, including:

- Youth Mental Health/Trusted Adult training
- Youth Mental Health First Aid

- Restorative Practices
- Equipping parents to teach anti-bullying skills at home (using the Power Up! Curriculum)
- Continuing tech talk
- A parent compliment to the middle school personal safety unit
- Crossover events with Housing Hope’s College of Hope offerings
- Town Halls on underage drinking, marijuana and vape use
- Strengths-based Parenting

Coalition members explored a variety of brands, but were most excited about “Parent Talk.”

The first of this year’s Parent Talk offerings will occur on Tuesday, October 17 from 6:30-8:00pm featuring Erin Wood discussing youth mental health and becoming a trusted adult.

- **Annual Community Survey Launches**

The Coalition received links for this year’s Annual Community Survey. We are required to obtain a minimum of 230 responses to have statistically valid results. The survey is open now through December, 2017. Please do respond to the survey and promote it!

- **English:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNMOON2017>
- **Spanish:** <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/SNMOSP2017>

- **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Unfilled Opportunities to Contribute	
Leadership Team	Tom MacIntyre, Kerry Boone, Michael Hanford, Cherie Matyas, Mary Myers
Parent Talk Planning	
Coalition Website	
Theater Ads	
Night at the Movies	
Policy/Advocacy	
Outreach and Awareness	