



**Stratford Partnership for Youth and Families
Stratford Police Department
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Minutes**

In attendance: Jocelyn Ault, Darin Bershefsky, Darrin Bosco, Samuel Branyan, Greta Broneill, Malcom Brown, Doreen Chicarello, Kristin Doerr, Nancy Dowling, Lucretia Duwel, Winnie Etienne, William Figueroa, Anna Gasinski, Yvemalya Germain, Michelle Harrison, Jayleen Herrera, Denise Keegan, Sherri Kelly, Sean Kennedy, Roula Kouvas, Olivia Mastroluca, Hannah McLaughlin, Tish Morrissey, James Olsen, Kristi Peña, Mason Pugh, Victoria Raimondi, Robert Sampson, Nicholas Satta, Braydon Seaburg, Denise Scott Taylor, Kellie Taylor, Shannon Tripodi, Tammy Trojanowski, Daelynne Veloz, Denique Weidema-Lewis

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Winnie Etienne called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Following introductions, Darrin Bosco made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2015 meeting. Roula Kouvas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

And The Survey Says

Nina Chanana, Evaluator for Stratford's Drug Free Communities grant, presented the Needs Assessment. Qualitative and quantitative data has been collected and analyzed in order to determine the root causes and local conditions of alcohol and marijuana use among Stratford youth. Use of this data determined the strategies to reduce youth substance use. Coalition members discussed the strategies and areas of their interest/expertise to move the action plan forward.

Compliance Check Data

Lieutenant Robert Sampson of Stratford Police Department reported on the results of tobacco and alcohol compliance checks completed within Stratford this year. Stratford Police Department, with the help of trained and supervised minors, has been able to check 27 stores, on two separate dates, which sell tobacco this calendar year. Of the checked locations, 4 sold tobacco products to minors and were subsequently issued a citation by a police officer. Alcohol compliance checks were completed with the aid of the Connecticut Liquor Control. Of 28 off premise (liquor and grocery stores) liquor distributors, 4 failed by selling to minors. Of 18 on premise (bars and restaurants) liquor distributors, 5 failed by selling to minors. By failing an alcohol compliance check, the establishment is required to attend a hearing with Department of Consumer Protection, which can result in a fine and/or closure. Fines and number of days required to be closed increases if the establishment has previously failed.

LPC & YSB Grant Reports

The annual reports for the Local Prevention Council and Youth Service Bureau were provided. For the 2014-15 fiscal year, the Local Prevention Council (LPC) grant in the amount of \$5,675 was awarded and disbursed as follows:

\$1,322	Tobacco Compliance Checks
\$1,200	Post Prom Contribution
\$1,500	MONEY Grants
\$ 581	Coalition Meeting Supplies
\$1,072	Community Activities

The complete report submitted to RYASAP is available and on file at Community Services. The application for the 2015-16 Local Prevention Council grant has not been released, but it is anticipated to be increased.

The local Youth Service Bureau (YSB) grant in the amount of \$40,759 and the YSB Enhancement grant \$7,455 expenditures and deliverables were reviewed. The complete report submitted to the State Department of Education is also available and on file at Community Services.

School Asset Committee

Denise Keegan, co-chair of the School Assets Committee, up-dated the Coalition on the Assets presentations made and scheduled with various school employees (e.g., administrators, nurses, custodians, classroom instructional aids). The goal of the committee is to reach all school staff so they are aware of assets and how they can incorporate assets into their daily interactions with students.

Community Updates

- RYASAP is starting a regional Teen Impact Committee. It will be created by young people, for young people.
- SPYF is looking for volunteers to attend community events. The Latin Music Festival and school open houses are both opportunities to attend by helping the Coalition build awareness and grow in membership.

Plusses and Wishes

Plusses	Wishes
Meeting room space	More parking
Central location in town	Handicap accessibility
Bigger room	Hard to hear
	Hard to See
	Gavel

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



James Olsen