



**Town of Stratford Youth and Family Advisory Board (YAFAB)  
(STAT) Data Committee Minutes  
Thursday, March 5, 2015  
Birdseye Municipal Complex, Room 111**

**In attendance:** Greta Broneill, Nina Chanana, Paul DosSantos, Anna Gasinski, Denique Weidema-Lewis, James Olsen, Tammy Trojanowski

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Purpose:**

The Data Team, in collaboration with staff and evaluation consultant, develop and implement a comprehensive needs assessment. The committee is responsible for gathering quantitative and qualitative data for to determine local problems and local conditions in Stratford. The Chair of the Data Committee is Greta Broneill.

**Community Needs Assessment:**

In order to develop an accurate and detailed needs assessment and logic model, the committee agrees that additional data needs to be collected. The five root causes of youth substance use, as demonstrated at the National Coalition Academy (NCA), are: availability, laws and enforcement, community norms, price and promotion and favorable attitudes. For each root cause, the committee discussed quantitative and qualitative data that will help better understand if that root cause is a local condition in Stratford.

Existing primary quantitative data includes the SIS Student Survey data. Additional quantitative data to be collected includes: Parent Survey data, Freshman Forum data, and Movin' On Up Survey data. Secondary quantitative data to be considered includes: Stratford Police records (i.e. arrests for DWI, violence, etc), Stratford Public Schools records (i.e. suspensions, expulsions, etc.), Juvenile Review Board records, Court records, EMS records, RYASAP data and Stratford Health data from the Community Health Assessment.

The committee discussed various groups to include in a focus group and individuals for a key informant interview. Key informant interviews will include: Stratford Middle and High School principals and staff, SRO's, EMS first responders and Stratford PD Narcotics division. Focus groups will include: youth (grades 7-12), parents, and young adults (college students, older siblings). In order to conduct youth focus groups, committee members will reach out to school staff and youth-serving community organizations.

Additionally, the committee examined each root cause to determine what type of information to collect from the quantitative data, focus groups and key informant interviews.

- Availability—Density rates and proximity to schools using State Liquor Control data; Internet purchases of marijuana, fake IDs, drug paraphernalia; youth growing/selling marijuana.
- Laws and Enforcement— School and Town policies, ordinances, zoning and laws around all substance use issues in Stratford; Hall rental/ party issues; Carnivals; High drug traffic areas in Town.
- Price and Promotion—Environmental scan looking at promotions (\$2 pitchers, ladies night, etc.) and prices; Compliance checks (ordinance about posters covering windows of retail merchant stores).
- Community Norms— Community events; School sporting events.
- Favorable Attitudes—Low perception of risk/harm of marijuana, prescription drugs, underage drinking, etc.

**Next Steps:**

1. Is there any one (or any group) missing from list of key informants or focus groups? Are there communities within the community that are missing?
2. A list of focus group questions will be provided for the committee to review and edit.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Olsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Olsen" clearly distinguishable.

James Olsen